



Scripture nugget – Real peace and security can only be found in God’s will

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Jesus lives to do God’s will. When Jesus came to earth, besides the primary mission of accomplishing our redemption, He teaches us many profound things. Jesus said: *“My food is to do the will of the One Who sent Me and to finish His work (John 4:34).* Looking at the Life and Passion of Christ on earth, we, in our limited human intellect, can appreciate that God’s will for Jesus is not an easy one. To do God’s will, Jesus had to assume human flesh, be born as a helpless human baby into a poor human family, completely dependent on His earthly parents. Throughout His life on earth, He endured rejection, persecution and eventually, crucifixion and death on the cross. Stripped of all human dignity on the cross at Calvary, Jesus cried out: *“It is accomplished!”* before drawing His last breath (cf. John 19:30). In doing so, Jesus achieved our redemption and shows us the way to walk in His footsteps: to do God’s holy will unto death. Because of His obedience, God exalted Jesus above all names so that at His Name all knees must bend (cf. Philippians 2:10). It was the best plan for Jesus. Walking in the footsteps of Christ, our Master, God’s will is also the best plan for us. Unless we can convince ourselves that God’s will is the best and perfect plan for our lives, we will not strive to do God’s will in our daily choices and not let the Spirit direct our lives.

Real peace and security can only be found in God’s will. It is only after His resurrection that Jesus greeted His apostles with *“peace be with you.”* There is no peace and security when we are still in slavery to sin. God desires the best for us. Above all, He wants every one of us to be saved. God said through Prophet Jeremiah: *For I know well the plans I have in mind for you - plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope (Jeremiah 29:11).* God may have billions of children but He cares for each as if each is the only one He has. He knows every minute detail of our life. Even every hair on our head is counted (cf. Matthew 10:30). Real peace comes from unshakeable trust in God and a humble acceptance of whatever that happens with the inner conviction that God is always in control. *With firm purpose You maintain peace; in peace, because of our trust in You.” (Isaiah 26:3).* Security comes from the knowledge of God’s invincible power and His ability and willingness to provide for our needs. *But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides (Matthew 6:33).*

Conversation with Jesus: Precious Lord, You said: *Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid (John 14:27).* I believe only You can give me the peace and security that I need because all power in heaven and on earth has been given to You by God the Father (cf. Matthew 28:18). My freewill is Your gift to me, and now I consecrate it to Your Sacred Heart so that You can give me all the graces I need to fulfill God’s will every day and in my daily choices. God’s will is truth in thought, word and deed. Let Your Passion and Your prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane empower me to fulfill God’s will every day. Through my sincere prayers and allegiance to Your Commandments, help me discern Your will in this ongoing battle between good and evil. Mary, Mother of Salvation, pray for me. Thank You, Jesus. Praise You, Jesus.