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Disappointment

“I am looking for a man who would do all My will”.

Acts 13:22 (NKJV) ²² *And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, ‘I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.’*

- When we live by our no’s to God’s will then we will not know His fullness and His provision.

1 John 2:17 (NKJV) ¹⁷ *And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.*

- Special grace on those who do the will of God.

The target is our trust in God

The root of deception is an attack on the trustworthiness of God and His word.

Genesis 3:4–5 (NKJV) ⁴ *Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”*

- The moment trust is broken, we find ourselves disconnected from God.
- The moment trust is broken, we find ourselves going astray into a minefield of breaking His will over and over.
- God’s way doesn’t look like the good road. It is always the harder road. sacrifice. patience. endurance. persecution.
- Trust is to keep on following God despite difficult circumstances.

Proverbs 3:5 (NKJV) ⁵ *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;*

The bait of Satan – the disappointment / offense

Luke 17:1 (NKJV) ¹ *Then He said to the disciples, “It is impossible that no offenses should come...*

Offense – skandalon. Laying a trap in someone’s way. An entrapment used by the enemy. Offense is a tool of the devil to bring people into captivity. To lead them astray, off the good road and into the minefield.

Offense comes when we have been treated unjustly or believe we have been treated unjustly.

- The closer the person to us, the more it hurts.

Matthew 24:10–13 (NKJV) ¹⁰ *And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. ¹¹ Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. ¹² And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³ But he who endures to the end shall be saved.*

- **Many offended. This will lead them astray... into the minefield.**
- ****Scary lenses. Everything viewed through their pain and hurt.**
- **Deception follows.** False prophets rise up. They minister out of their hurts / offenses.
- **Lawlessness – no longer on the good road.** God’s road. They stumble into the minefield.
- **Speaks of Christians. Agape love.** Unconditional love grown cold.

Love unconditionally

- **Test your heart:** has your unconditional love become conditional?

Matthew 5:44–47 (NKJV) ⁴⁴ *But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, **what reward have you?** Do not even the tax collectors do the same?*

- **Build our own prisons – in our hearts...**The offenses we embrace will cause **us to no longer love unconditionally**. We will build walls and in the process no longer love with agape love.
- **When we love we are giving or sowing to the Spirit**, and eventually we would reap those seeds of love. No longer see as a failure when love isn't returned. **It frees us to love that person even more!**
- *We have been called to love to our own hurt. Sow love, you will reap love. Somehow, somewhere. Trust in God.

Offended

- *The focus of offended Christians is inward and introspective.
- *Impossible to trust in God:
- *An offended Christian is one who takes in life but because of fear, cannot release life.

John 16:33 (NKJV) ³³ These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

All things work together for good

Romans 8:28 (NKJV) ²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

- **We know / To those who love God**. This only works for those who love God. When we know God's love, we cannot help but to love Him back.
- **Called according to His purpose**: those who want to do His will. This only works for those who are sold out for God's purpose.

Surrender

Proverbs 3:5 (NKJV) ⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;

*Protecting Self is the obstacle to complete trust. When we try to keep control, when we try to protect self, then we don't trust in God's ability to protect us or fight for us.

* Sow love, and know you will reap love!

Galatians 6:9 (NKJV) ⁹ And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

***Don't take the bait – don't take the offense / disappointment – trust in God.**