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# THE GOSPEL-CENTERED LIFE

## AGREE WITH GOD

Ephesians 6:5-9

WEEK 22

Following God's will is a rewarding process with numerous benefits, resolving many problems and proving the best way to live. Yet, despite these positives, there are still challenging moments.

Even after following all discussed in this series, we remain imperfect humans influenced by a broken world, leading to times when our desires conflict with God's will. This common conflict often arises in relationships, where the Holy Spirit prompts us daily to show kindness and grace, often requiring us to step out of comfort zones or sacrifice our time and resources. Whether it's being punctual at work, fulfilling job responsibilities, or showing patience to difficult colleagues, God's will often challenges our preferences, and we may resist.

Thankfully, we have Jesus as the perfect example. As He faced arrest and crucifixion, He prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done" (Luke 22:42).

The gospel has always been the key. In today's study, Paul unveils essential principles for reconciling with God in the realm of the workforce, whether as an employee or an employer. Victory is found in prioritizing: identity over circumstances, the gospel above all else, and God over self.

### (10 min) OPENING PRAYER

As you pray, ask God to reveal to you those areas where you show resistance when you read his word. And allow God to speak to you through them.

### (25 min) TIME TO CONSIDER

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through this week's lesson, consider these questions as a group and discuss them.

1. As you observe Paul's course of action when faced with the need between masters and slaves. What does that teach you about the way you are dealing with your own circumstances? How can you interpret your circumstances (especially the bad ones) in light of your identity with Jesus?

**"Until you find satisfaction in Christ, you cannot understand or positively impact your own circumstances or those of others."**

2. How can you practically be an instrument of the gospel in your work context, apart from preaching, as Pastor Fernando taught that the greatest need in our society is the gospel and that followers of Jesus must embody and share his message?
3. When faced with the social needs around us. What does the following mean? "Do not allow the central—that is to say, the gospel—to become the peripheral, otherwise the peripheral will become the central."

**Romans 1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."**

4. In relation to the employer-employee dynamic, what does it mean to choose God?

WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSES: **Job 22:21-23 "Submit to God and you will have peace, then it will be well with you. Listen to God's instructions and keep them in your heart."**

**EXPERIENCING THE SPIRIT TOGETHER:** Spend time as a life group praying and discussing the key things that emerge from your discussion of this week's questions.

### (5 min) LIVE IT

This week pray for your coworkers and find some creative way to show the power of the gospel in your life to your employees/employer. We will be waiting with anticipation to hear your experience with the living God as you turned to him in worship and trust.