

He doesn't want us to pray that in advance. No! Some people say, If the door is open, I've got to go into it. Well, we'll see what the open door is. No! Sometimes God gives us circumstances. They enable you to make a decision. Sometimes He gives us circumstances so that we can push our way through them! Circumstances don't decide what you want, nor does the feeling. All these ways that people try to learn God's will.

See what the facts are. Get the best advice you can. Make your decision. Then pray, O God if this is not your will stop it. Do something that will interfere so that I cannot go forward in this direction. Then suppose nothing happens. Suppose nothing stops you and you go in that direction and fall on your face. You make mistakes. You don't accomplish anything. Oh, God if I had only gone the other way! Isn't it a shame I went this way. God may have purposes in mind you don't know anything about. You may work in a certain area and someone else wins thousands, and you win one person.

And God may use that one person to do a work you had never dreamed of doing yourself. You may work and toil and seem to accomplish nothing, and God may be using it to enable you to grow in grace, to overcome the weak spots in your character to make you become the one He wants you to be. God has His purpose. God works in ways we never dream of. God works all things together for good to those that trust the Lord, that lean upon Him, that strive with all their might to do His will and keep understanding.

And if everything falls apart and you don't succeed, God has His purpose in it. You may look back in eternity and you will say, Oh God I praise you that you did not let me succeed in this though I worked as hard as I could. I thought as well as I could. I did the best I could. You did not let me succeed because you had a purpose that I couldn't see. God works all things in accordance with His will. Let us learn to understand the will of the Lord. Let us learn to find the will of the Lord. Let us learn to follow with all the strength we've got in the direction that we believe to be His will and let us know that His purpose is always best, and that if we trust Him, put our faith in Him and study His Word, desire the sincere milk of the Word that you may grow thereby, learn from it what its truth is for you and follow those truths. Then we can know that whatever He works out is in accordance with His will for our good and we'll thank Him through all eternity for what He has done. Let us pray.

O God our Father, we thank you that we can know the will of the Lord. We thank you it is your will that we should accomplish for you. It is your will that we strive, and we think we've tried. You may give us wonderful apparent success, or we may seem to be failures. But O our God may we do our best and keep our eyes on Christ. We know you are working your perfect will. Help us to be instruments in your hands that you may do much thru us. We thank you we know our sanctification is a great part of your purpose in leaving us here. We know there are many many points at which we know we