

# Forget About His Will for Your Life!

## Forgotten God, Session 6

“And to expose our hearts to the truth and consistently refuse or neglect to obey the impulses it arouses is to stymie the motions of life within us and, if persisted in, to grieve the Holy Spirit into silence.” –A.W. Tozer

### Opening Thoughts

Why do you think Chan says, “Forget about God’s will for (your) life?” Do you agree or disagree? Why?

Why might it be safer to commit to following “God’s will for your life” rather than following God in what He may lead you to do today?

### Ten Year or Ten Minute Plan?

“It’s easy to use the phrase “God’s will for my life” as an excuse for inaction or even disobedience. It’s much less demanding to think about God’s will for your future than it is to ask Him what He wants you to do in the next ten minutes. It’s safer to commit to following Him someday instead of this day” (120).

“God wants us to listen to His Spirit on a daily basis, and even throughout the day, as difficult and stretching moments arise, and in the midst of the mundane. My hope is that instead of searching for ‘God’s will for my life,’ each of us would learn to seek hard after ‘the Spirit leading in my life today.’ May we learn to pray for an open and willing heart, to surrender to the Spirit’s leading with that friend, child, spouse, circumstance, or decision in our lives right now” (121).

### Forgotten God: Week 6 Video (notes)

### Why the Spirit Isn’t Necessary for Some

“The God of the universe is not something that we can just add to our lives and keep on as before” (122).

“You don’t need the Holy Spirit if you are merely seeking to live a semi-moral life and attend church regularly. You can find people of all sorts in many religions doing that quite nicely without Him. You only need the Holy Spirit’s guidance and help if you truly want to follow the Way of Jesus Christ” (122).

### **Where the Scriptural and Spiritual Meet**

2 Cor 3:18

2 Thess 2:13

Rom 15:16

Gal 5:16, 25

### **Help Wanted, Not Needed**

“God doesn’t need our help but invites us to \_\_\_\_\_ “ (129).

“Walking in the Spirit requires action on our part....I love the apparent contradiction in this passage, Philippians 2:12-13. Paul says in one breath, ‘Work out your own salvation,’ and in the next, ‘It is God who works in you.’ The both-ness here doesn’t allow us to escape with a simple conclusion. Yes, it is God who works in you. And, yes, there is work for you to do. Yes, the Spirit empowers you to do the work. And, yes, you do the work” (132).

If the above is true, what do we need to keep straight in our theology in order to avoid works righteousness?

### **Discussion Questions:**

The Spirit of God has a clear will for our lives. What is it?

Have you ever met that rare person who you can tell keeps in daily step with the Holy Spirit? What was that person like?

What fruit are you seeing in your life that indicates His working in and through you?