

Surrender Control

An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

Matthew 2:13

Free will is the ability to _____ between different possible courses of action unimpeded.

Free will implies the possibility of _____ God’s will by choosing against it.

Mankind is created with _____ and can choose to do righteousness or to commit sin.

God is a _____ ruler with unlimited wisdom, power, and control over the affairs of nature and history.

_____ sovereignty and _____ free will are both entirely valid, but in dealing with the nature of God, human understanding will take us only so far, beyond that point we must proceed with faith.

Instead of solving the will as free or not, we ought to consider _____ as free or not because that is the what the Bible does.

_____ to Christ is what brings us true freedom.

When we surrender, we die to self and acknowledge God has the _____ to direct our life according to his will.

How Then Shall We Live?

1. _____ in the Lord, knowing that He is in control.
2. Make wise _____ in accordance with God’s Word.
3. _____ the Lord, praising Him that He is so wonderful, infinite, powerful, full of grace and mercy—and sovereign.

Bringing the Message to Life

Jot down a brief answer to the following questions

1. Reflecting on this week’s sermon, is there any principle or insight that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?
2. In your opinion, how much of the birth narrative of Jesus, as recorded in Matthew, is attributed to God’s sovereignty versus man’s free will?
3. Do you have any broken dreams as a direct result of God’s lordship in your life? If so, name at least one.
4. Describe what surrender to the Lord looks like (or should look like).
5. What is an application for you to implement as a result of this sermon?