

QUESTION:

What is God's will for us right now, in the midst of our current situation?

ANSWER:

<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (ESV)

**WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO:**

**1) REJOICE ALWAYS?**

2 Corinthians 6:10a (ESV)

<sup>10</sup> as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing;

**2) PRAY WITHOUT CEASING?**

Luke 11:8 (NIV)

<sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

Luke 18:5 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!"

**3) GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES?**

**HOW CAN WE:**

**1) REJOICE ALWAYS?**

Romans 8:10 (NIV)

<sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness

**2) PRAY WITHOUT CEASING?**

John 1:12 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

Matthew 7:9-11 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup> Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup> Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? <sup>11</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

**3) GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES**

Romans 8:28 (ESV)

<sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.