

Next Steps: We discover the 1st Compass Point of God's will in the words of Jesus recorded in John 6:40, "My Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

The 2nd Compass Point of God's will is found in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 as Paul writes, "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Rejoice Always: How do the following Scriptures help us reorient our lives toward being "Joy-Filled" people?

Read 1 Chronicles 15:7-36

Read Philippians 1-4

Read Romans 5:1-8

Pray Continually: Read "The Practice of the Presence of God" by Brother Lawrence. Begin to implement what you have learned into your daily life.

Give Thanks In All Circumstances: Paul commands us to "give thanks in all circumstances" not "for all circumstances." What is the difference between these two prepositions?

Make a list of your circumstances you are having a hard time "giving thanks in."

Read Romans 8:28. What two things must be in place for us to be confident "that in all things God works for the good"? How are you doing with these two things?

How does this verse relate to the first two compass points?

Next Week: We will be looking at the third compass point of God's will for our lives found in 1 Peter 2:13-15.