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### Doing God's Will: A Spiritual Journey

Bible Numbers chapter 32:

32:10 When the anger of the Lord was struck, he swore an oath,

32:11 No one from Egypt who is twenty years old or older can see that I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob because they did not pay attention to follow me.

Human beings have been searching for meaning and direction in life since ancient times and believe in mysterious forces that transcend their own existence, and this belief shapes our values and lifestyles. In this world, there are various religions and belief systems, but the common core is obeying God's will.

Doing God's will is a pursuit of a goal beyond the world, a search for soul-seeking guidance, and embodying faith in everyday life. This is not just a religious act, but a way of life, a principle that guides how we interact with others and the world.

First, doing God's will requires us to find inner peace and love. This means learning to forgive, respect the dignity of others, and treat our family, friends, and strangers with love. This love is not only reflected in words and deeds, but also in acts of caring and helping others. Through this love, we can achieve a more harmonious society and let God's will be reflected in our lives.

Second, doing God's will also requires humility and thanksgiving. We need to realize that we are not omnipotent, and that our success and happiness come from God's grace. This humility keeps us thankful and often expresses gratitude to God. This attitude helps us cope with the difficulties and challenges in our lives because we know that God is always there for us and has us back.

Finally, doing God's will also involves seeking wisdom and truth. We should constantly learn, think, and explore our beliefs. Not only does this help us understand God's will more deeply, it also helps us achieve more in the world. Our beliefs should inspire us to pursue knowledge, to understand ourselves and the world, and to guide our actions in an intelligent way.

In conclusion, doing God's will is a journey of love, humility, and wisdom. It is an eternal goal and is constantly evolving and evolving in our lives. By seeking inner peace, showing love, remaining humble, and constantly learning, we can understand God's will more deeply and create a better future in this world. No matter what religion or belief system we believe, doing God's will can be our guide and make our lives more meaningful.

Doing God's will is an important goal for people of all religions, but it may be of additional importance to Christians who believe in Jesus Christ as Savior. Here are some reasons why it is more important for Christians to do God's will:

**Biblical Teaching:** Christians believe that the Bible is divine revelation that contains God's will and teachings. Therefore, doing God's will is an important part of their biblical life according to their teachings. The Bible contains teachings about love, mercy, justice, and humility, values that are essential to Christian behavior and attitude.

**The Model of Jesus Christ:** Jesus is seen as a role model for Christians, and his life and teachings emphasize love, service, forgiveness, and absolute obedience to God. To do God's will for Christians is to follow Jesus' example and apply His teachings to their own lives.

**Hope for Salvation:** Christian doctrine includes the forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life, which is achieved through faith in Christ. Doing God's will is seen as a way to respond to this grace and show gratitude and love for God.

**Christian Community:** Christians are usually a community that supports, teaches, and prays together. Doing God's will is not only a matter for individuals, but also for communities. This means that in the Christian community, doing God's will helps build a more harmonious, loving, and socially responsible community.

Overall, for Christians, doing God's will is central to their faith and life. This is not only an expression of personal faith, but also involves community of faith and loyalty to Christian teachings. Doing God's will helps Christians better understand their faith, cultivate deeper spiritual lives, and make meaningful contributions in the world.

The Bible contains many verses that provide guidance and instruction on doing God's will. Here are some verses to reference:

Romans 12:2

Do not be the same as this world, but change your mind with a new one, so that you may discover what is God's good, pure, and pleasing will. "

Matthew 22:37-39

"Jesus said to him, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your nature, with all your heart. This is the first and greatest of the commandments. Secondly, we must love our neighbor as ourselves. '"

Matthew 7:12

"Therefore, in whatever things, do unto others as you would like them to be treated, for this is the law and the prophets. "

Ephesians 5:10

"Examine what is pleasing to the Lord. "

James 1:22

"But you must walk the way, and do not just listen to the word and deceive yourselves. "

These verses emphasize love, service, humility, and obedience to God's will, which are core values for Christians to do God's will. Through these guidance, Christians are encouraged to seek God's will, apply it to their daily lives, and find direction and meaning in their faith. These verses help Christians understand how to live more faithfully and in line with biblical teachings.

Together we pray:

Dear Heavenly Father, I am here to pray for this Christian friend. Please give them your blessings and guidance. Guide them to do your will and help them become stronger, more loving, and humble in their faith. Please give them wisdom to help them meet life's challenges and find your will every day.

Lord, empower them to be witnesses of love, to treat others with love and care, and to seek peace, justice and mercy. Please give them the courage to spread their message, share the gospel, and help those in need.

Lord, we thank you for providing faith, hope, and love to our Christian friends. Keep enriching their faith in their lives so that they can thrive with your blessings. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Numbers chapter 32

Nu. 32:1 The Reubenites and Gadites, who had very large herds and flocks, saw that the lands of Jazer and Gilead were suitable for livestock.

Nu. 32:2 So they came to Moses and Eleazar the priest and to the leaders of the community, and said,

Nu. 32:3 "Ataroth, Dibon, Jazer, Nimrah, Heshbon, Elealeh, Sebam, Nebo and Beon —

Nu. 32:4 the land the LORD subdued before the people of Israel — are suitable for livestock, and your servants have livestock.

Nu. 32:5 If we have found favour in your eyes,” they said, “let this land be given to your servants as our possession. Do not make us cross the Jordan.”

Nu. 32:6 Moses said to the Gadites and Reubenites, “Shall your countrymen go to war while you sit here?

Nu. 32:7 Why do you discourage the Israelites from going over into the land the LORD has given them?

Nu. 32:8 This is what your fathers did when I sent them from Kadesh Barnea to look over the land.

Nu. 32:9 After they went up to the Valley of Eshcol and viewed the land, they discouraged the Israelites from entering the land the LORD had given them.

Nu. 32:10 The LORD’s anger was aroused that day and he swore this oath:

Nu. 32:11 ‘Because they have not followed me wholeheartedly, not one of the men twenty years old or more who came up out of Egypt will see the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob —

Nu. 32:12 not one except Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite and Joshua son of Nun, for they followed the LORD wholeheartedly.’

Nu. 32:13 The LORD’s anger burned against Israel and he made them wander in the desert for forty years, until the whole generation of those who had done evil in his sight was gone.

Nu. 32:14 “And here you are, a brood of sinners, standing in the place of your fathers and making the LORD even more angry with

Israel.

Nu. 32:15 If you turn away from following him, he will again leave all this people in the desert, and you will be the cause of their destruction.”

Nu. 32:16 Then they came up to him and said, “We would like to build pens here for our livestock and cities for our women and children.

Nu. 32:17 But we are ready to arm ourselves and go ahead of the Israelites until we have brought them to their place.

Meanwhile our women and children will live in fortified cities, for protection from the inhabitants of the land.

Nu. 32:18 We will not return to our homes until every Israelite has received his inheritance.

Nu. 32:19 We will not receive any inheritance with them on the other side of the Jordan, because our inheritance has come to us on the east side of the Jordan.”

Nu. 32:20 Then Moses said to them, “If you will do this — if you will arm yourselves before the LORD for battle,

Nu. 32:21 and if all of you will go armed over the Jordan before the LORD until he has driven his enemies out before him —

Nu. 32:22 then when the land is subdued before the LORD, you may return and be free from your obligation to the LORD and to Israel. And this land will be your possession before the LORD.

Nu. 32:23 “But if you fail to do this, you will be sinning against the LORD; and you may be sure that your sin will find you out.

Nu. 32:24 Build cities for your women and children, and pens for your flocks, but do what you have promised.”

Nu. 32:25 The Gadites and Reubenites said to Moses, “We your servants will do as our lord commands.

Nu. 32:26 Our children and wives, our flocks and herds will remain here in the cities of Gilead.

Nu. 32:27 But your servants, every man armed for battle, will cross over to fight before the LORD, just as our lord says.”

Nu. 32:28 Then Moses gave orders about them to Eleazar the priest and Joshua son of Nun and to the family heads of the Israelite tribes.

Nu. 32:29 He said to them, “If the Gadites and Reubenites, every man armed for battle, cross over the Jordan with you before the LORD, then when the land is subdued before you, give them the land of Gilead as their possession.

Nu. 32:30 But if they do not cross over with you armed, they must accept their possession with you in Canaan.”

Nu. 32:31 The Gadites and Reubenites answered, “Your servants will do what the LORD has said.

Nu. 32:32 We will cross over before the LORD into Canaan armed, but the property we inherit will be on this side of the Jordan.”

Nu. 32:33 Then Moses gave to the Gadites, the Reubenites and the halftribe of Manasseh son of Joseph the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites and the kingdom of Og king of Bashan — the whole land with its cities and the territory around them.

Nu. 32:34 The Gadites built up Dibon, Ataroth, Aroer,

Nu. 32:35 Atroth Shophan, Jazer, Jogbehah,

Nu. 32:36 Beth Nimrah and Beth Haran as fortified cities, and built pens for their flocks.

Nu. 32:37 And the Reubenites rebuilt Heshbon, Elealeh and Kiriathaim,

Nu. 32:38 as well as Nebo and Baal Meon (these names were changed)

and Sibmah. They gave names to the cities they rebuilt.

Nu. 32:39 The descendants of Makir son of Manasseh went to Gilead, captured it and drove out the Amorites who were there.

Nu. 32:40 So Moses gave Gilead to the Makirites, the descendants of Manasseh, and they settled there.

Nu. 32:41 Jair, a descendant of Manasseh, captured their settlements and called them Havvoth Jair. [Or them the settlements of Jair]

Nu. 32:42 And Nobah captured Kenath and its surrounding settlements and called it Nobah after himself

In Numbers 32, the tribes of Reuben and Gad approached Moses with a request to settle in the land of Gilead, which was on the eastern side of the Jordan River. They explained that the land was suitable for their livestock and they wished to remain there instead of crossing over the Jordan to the land of Canaan with the rest of the Israelites. Initially, Moses was unhappy with their request, concerned that it would discourage the other tribes from fighting to claim their promised land. However, the leaders of Reuben and Gad promised to send their men to fight alongside the other tribes until everyone had received their inheritance in the land. Moses agreed to their request on the condition that they keep their promise and fulfill their commitment to help the rest of the tribes.

Here are the key verses in Chapter 32 of the Book of Numbers:

1. "Now the people of Reuben and the people of Gad had a very great number of livestock. And they saw the land of Jazer and the land of Gilead, and behold, the place was a place for livestock." (Numbers 32:1)
2. "And they said, "If we have found favor in your sight, let this land be given to your servants for a possession. Do not take us across the Jordan." (Numbers 32:5)
3. "But Moses said to the people of Gad and to the people of Reuben, "Shall your brothers go to the war while you sit here?" (Numbers 32:6)
4. "And behold, you have risen in your fathers' place, a brood of sinful men, to increase still more the fierce anger of the Lord against Israel!" (Numbers 32:14)
5. "But if you will not do so, behold, you have sinned against the Lord, and be sure your sin will find you out." (Numbers 32:23)

Chapter 32 of the Book of Numbers tells the story of the tribes of Reuben and Gad, along with half of the tribe of Manasseh, requesting to settle in the land of Gilead instead of crossing over the Jordan River with the rest of the Israelites. Here's a reflection on some key themes and lessons from Numbers 32:

**Commitment to God's Promises:** The chapter begins with the tribes of Reuben and Gad expressing their desire to settle in the land of Gilead, which was already conquered and suitable for their livestock. Moses, concerned about the tribes' reluctance to cross the Jordan and fulfill God's promise of the Promised Land, challenges them to remain faithful to God's plan.

**Reflection:** This chapter highlights the importance of remaining committed to God's promises. It reminds us that sometimes our own desires and comfort may tempt us to deviate from God's plans. It prompts us to consider whether we are fully embracing God's promises for our lives or seeking alternatives that may hinder our spiritual growth. By staying faithful to God's plan, we position ourselves to receive His blessings and experience His purposes fulfilled.

**Unity and Collaboration:** Moses responds to the tribes of Reuben and Gad by cautioning them about the negative impact their decision could have on the unity of the Israelite community. He emphasizes the importance of all the tribes working together and fulfilling their collective mission.

**Reflection:** This chapter emphasizes the significance of unity and collaboration within the community of believers. It reminds us that our individual decisions can have an impact on the broader body of believers. It prompts us to prioritize unity, cooperation, and the greater good of the community. By working together and supporting one another, we can strengthen the body of Christ and effectively fulfill God's mission.

**Fulfilling Responsibilities:** Moses grants the tribes of Reuben and Gad permission to settle in the land of Gilead on the condition that they first assist in conquering the Promised Land alongside the other tribes. They agree to fulfill their responsibilities and fight alongside their fellow Israelites before settling in their desired land.

**Reflection:** This chapter highlights the importance of fulfilling our responsibilities and honoring our commitments. It reminds us that we have a role to play in the collective mission of God's people. It prompts us to faithfully carry out our obligations and contribute to the advancement of God's kingdom. By embracing our responsibilities, we demonstrate our dedication to God and our commitment to His purposes.



**Integrity and Accountability:** The tribes of Reuben and Gad make a vow to fulfill their agreement with Moses and the other tribes. They commit to crossing over the Jordan and assisting in the conquest before settling in Gilead.

**Reflection:** This chapter underscores the significance of integrity and accountability in our words and actions. It prompts us to honor our commitments and follow through on our promises. It reminds us that our integrity and reliability are vital for building trust and maintaining healthy relationships. By being people of integrity and accountability, we reflect God's faithfulness and bring glory to His name.

Overall, Numbers 32 addresses themes of commitment to God's promises, unity and collaboration, fulfilling responsibilities, and integrity and accountability. By reflecting on these themes, we can recommit ourselves to God's plans, prioritize unity within the body of believers, fulfill our responsibilities in God's mission, and demonstrate integrity and accountability in our words and actions.