



John the Baptist and the Lord Jesus

- "And when all the people heard Him, even the tax collectors justified God, having been baptized with the baptism of John. 30 But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the will of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him." (Lk. 7:29-30)
- The Lord then draws a comparison with John the Baptist and Himself.
- "But wisdom is justified by all her children." (Lk. 7:35)
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God's Will For Us

- "For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who
 desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the
 truth." (1 Tim. 2:3-4)
- "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me." (Jn. 17:20-23)



Those who reject the will of God

- Stubbornness
- Excuses
- "O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." (Ex. 4:10)

Examples of those who accepted the will of God

- Abraham
- "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want." (Ps. 23:1)



Examples of those who accepted the will of God

- St. Mary
- She endured many hardships patiently
- "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." (Lk. 1:38)





Examples of those who accepted the will of God

- God's calling for him was a great grace of which he felt unworthy.
- "And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life." (1 Tim. 1:12-16)



Conclusion

- Two groups of people:
 - Pharisees and lawyer
 - Tax collectors and sinner
- Believe in His power and guidance
- Endure hardship and discomfort patiently
- His grace and great love for you
- "Wisdom is justified by all her children." (Lk. 7:35)
- EX: Rechabites