

Title: The “I WILLS” of David:

Text: Ps 116:15

Illustrate “I WILL ____”

There is a lot that can be said about us based on how you would finish the phrase...

I WILL _____

I Will Not _____

What are somethings your WILL or WILL NOT do?

What are some places you WILL or WILL NOT go?

What are somethings you WILL or WILL NOT say?

The answers to these really say a lot about you.

The situations that cause you to go back on them says a lot about you too.

It is commonly assumed that David is the author.

Hallelujah psalm, ending with “*praise ye the Lord.*”

The psalm is one of thanksgiving to God for His mercy and deliverance.

The occasion of its writing is not clear.

Is is a psalm of Praise, it was one of the paschal (i.e., Passover) psalms.

It is quite likely that our Lord sang this psalm, @ his last Passover, or in years previous.

There may very well give further insight here of the mind of Christ—of His thoughts in His final days.

I. I WILL Love Him

1 I love the LORD,

He is Real! I love Him!

Can you say that today?

Have you told Him so today?

Has this changed the way we behaved today?

Has this directed our choices today?

I love the LORD, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.

It is referring to pray which is aloud.

Nothing wrong with silent prayer,

God takes pleasure when we open our mouths & pray aloud to Him.

Because God had heard and answered the prayer of David, he loved the Lord all the more.

2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me,

Not just Omniscience,

but Loving, Caring, & Interested in me!

(Ps 103:13) *Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.*

Like a parent aches when their baby cries.

So does our father!

“therefore”

Because God answers prayer,

II. I Will Talk with Him

2 “Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him...”

David vowed to seek Him in prayer every day for the rest of his life.

Reference to daily prayer. There will not be a day when he would not spend time with God in prayer.

Vs 1 Because & Vs 2 Because! - I can't help It.

B/c of His love & Concern for me Motivates me!

I WILL!

I recognize my need!

I am not “OK” without God!

Illus: He is More than Fire Insurance!

“will I call upon him as long as I live.”

All my DAYs!

This will be a life long pursuit.

This will be a life long passion.

This will be a life long

(2 Cor 5:14-15) For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: 15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto

themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

B/c of God's love toward me ...

I will never be the same again.

I will never look at the World the same again.

I will never desire the same things again.

I will never live the same way again.

3 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.

David walked through the valley of the shadow of death on numerous occasions.

He saw his comrades fall in battle.

He saw a number of his children die.

He also saw God working in his life.

He also saw God working Throughout his life.

“I WILL” - I won't turn back because of trouble.

What sort of Trouble will change your “I WILLS” when it comes to your relationship with God?

David was a type of Christ.

Jesus was a man of sorrows & acquainted with grief.

Jesus endured the sorrows of death of friends.

He experienced the pains of death & the grave personally.

(Jn 18:11) Jesus said: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?

Problems are not sinful. (Jn 16:33) *These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*

Problems are a part of Life!

(Job 1:21) *Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.*

(Job 2:10) *What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?*

God Doesn't Owe me anything, not even an explanation.

III. I WILL Put my Trust in Him

4 Then called I upon the name of the LORD; O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

Both David and Jesus made great use of Prayer!

In the hour when death was near,
David cried out unto the Lord & God delivered him.

What a blessed testimony of answered prayer.

As a Type of Christ, the resurrection of Jesus may be seen in the shadows of this Psalm.

Of interest is the word translated as ***deliver***.

It has the basic sense to 'let escape.'

This may be a prophetic prayer of the Messiah in beseeching His holy Father to allow Him to escape the grave.

5 Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

Twin pillars of the character of God are in view.

He is gracious which emanates from His love.
Gracious (I didn't deserve His love!)

He is righteous which emanates from His holiness.
Righteous (I deserved my fate!)
And so does everyone. (Rom 6:23)

As a result, "our God is merciful."

Merciful (BUT GOD!)

(Eph 2:4-6, 8-9 Rom 5:8) *But God Commeneth*

Mercy is the outworking of the Grace of God & Righteousness of God.

Praise God that His Mercy Endureth Forever.

6 The LORD preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me.

"Simple" sense of being naive, foolish, or immature
We see David's humility.

David knew what it was to be humbled.

God had to bring David's pride down so he could help David.

God has to do the same thing to us.

(James 4:6-10) *But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands (Actions), ye sinners; and purify your hearts (Thoughts), ye double minded. 9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.*

Even though God had to humble him, he recognized it was so God could help him.

David isn't mad about it.

David wasn't bitter about it.

Not just Once, but every time, David humbled himself and submitted himself to God.

We should not resent God's chastening, but see it as God's prerequisite to do us good!

7 Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.

Return unto thy rest - FRET NOT!

– Let my faith increase!

Implied is that David had been agitated.

He had been upset and shook up.

In pausing to remember the mercy & righteousness of God, & how he helps His people, David therefore counseled himself to 'settle down.'

“Return unto thy rest, O my soul.”

Our Rest is in knowing God & his Character!

David called himself to return his focus & trust to the Lord.

Bountifully-

(Eph 3:20) *above all that we ask or think*

David knew by experience what God had done for him in the past.

David knew that God is gracious and good, in helping those in times of distress.

8 For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

My Soul from death - Salvation - Separation from God

Mine eyes from tears—Separation - Dead life of regrets

My feet from Falling – Service – Life spent in Sin, Waste, Purposeless

IV. I WILL Obey Him

9 I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

Because of God's faithful goodness to him, David vows a vow to himself and God.

He has the best Deal, Best Plan, Best Practice!

Illus: You can't improve on God's Stuff!

He determined to live his life openly as a book for others to read.

He knew his life was a sermon in shoes.

While God gave him breath, he would so order his life before others to be a testimony of the grace of God in his life.

Our lives are to be a Sermon that is lived!

10 I believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted:

I Believed (1 Jn 5:13) I know that I know!

Have I Spoken:

My Faith should determine my speech.

& What I say is in my heart should be coming out my hands, feet, as well as my mouth.

Afflicted: None the less, David's Faith stood sure.

David left the Consequences up to God

(2 Tim 1:12) I know whom I have believed!

11 I said in my haste, All men are liars.

People are messy, thus People can be frustrating. Probably referring to a time when he was being slandered.

The actions of others should not be determining my Walk with God.

If I quit, will you? If the Deacon Quits, Will you?

12 What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me?

In the midst of distress & the attacks of others, How can I honor God? - *Faithfully living my faith!*

How can I pay him back? *Faithfulness to God*

V. I WILL Sanctify My self to Him

13 I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.

All I have is ME!

All He wants is ME!

All my Love, Devotion, Affection, Obedience.

All of it Set Aside for Him alone!

VI. I WILL Consecrate Myself to Him

14 I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people.

I will Live it Publicly!

No Matter who is watching!

No Matter what others say or do!

Making a public profession of Faith.

Identifying With Him publicly in Baptism.

David wouldn't have hesitated at the thought of Baptism.

David was vowing to Live his faith Out Loud!

15 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

“**Precious**” Of Great Value
“**Death of his saints**”

The Price of our Vows is Death to this World
Everybody wants Eternal Life, but not Daily Death!
(1 Cor 15:31) “*I Die Daily*”

Death to Sin! Death to Self! but Alive unto God.
(Rom 6:11) *Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Illus: De-thrown Self& put God on the Thrown Daily

16 O LORD, truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds.

The Price of our Vows is Death to Self

Truly: I Know it!

I Am Thy Servant: He had to say it to himself twice!

I need to live it so others will know it!

It needs to Show!

VII. I WILL Be Faithful to the End

17 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.

I WILL Offer: I am going to stop pulling up short!
I am going to Follow Through!

I am going to stop pulling up short in my Prayer time: It is a Peace Offering to God.
(Prov 8:17) *I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.*

I am going to stop pulling up short in my Praise!
(Ps 145:21) *My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.*

VIII. I WILL Dedicate Myself to Him

18 I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people.

I Will MAN UP!

Not just @ church, but Home, Work, School & Play.
It doesn't matter what the Cost is!
It's not an offering if its not a sacrifice.

(2 Sam 24:24) *neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing.*

19 In the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

David recognized the weight of his testimony to others.

Therefore: David intended to do it publicly.

Therefore: David intended to lead others to do it also.

What are you willing to commit to publicly?

What are your "I WILL'S" when it comes to God.