



**June 7, 2026 - Part 2**

## **Introduction**

This week we were challenged to consider the worldview that quietly shapes our beliefs, decisions, and behaviors. Joel contrasted the cultural message of "you do you" with the prayer Jesus taught: "your will be done." The question underneath the message is simple and searching: Who or what is governing my life?

## **Read Together**

**Colossians 3:1-15; Galatians 5:16-17; Matthew 6:9-13**

As a group, read the passages aloud before discussing the questions below.

## **Discussion Questions**

### **Observation**

1. Have someone read Galatians 5:16-17. How does Paul describe the conflict between the sinful nature and the Spirit?
2. In the message, Joel described five questions that form a worldview. Which question did he identify as foundational to the others?
3. Have someone read Colossians 3:1-4. What does Paul tell followers of Jesus to set their sights and attention on?
4. Have someone read Colossians 3:5-9. What specific earthly things does Paul tell believers to put to death or get rid of?
5. Have someone read Colossians 3:12-15. What does Paul say should rule in our hearts, and what should bind believers together?
6. Have someone read Matthew 6:9-13. What words in Jesus' prayer show surrender to God's authority rather than self-governance?

### **Interpretation**

1. Why do you think the question of ultimate truth source is so important for the way we make decisions?
2. Joel said our culture has shifted the locus of authority from external to internal. How does placing ourselves at the top shape the way we think about obedience, freedom, and truth?
3. The message contrasted "you do you" with "your will be done." Why might one sound freeing but actually lead toward chaos, while the other requires surrender but leads toward life?
4. Joel said, "What dominates your attention will ultimately gain your allegiance." Why is attention such a powerful spiritual issue?

5. Why do things like sexual desire, money, anger, deception, and bitterness have such power to govern a person's life if they are not surrendered to God?
6. How does the Lord's Prayer recenter our lives under the rule and goodness of our heavenly Father?

## **Application**

1. When you are making decisions, what truth source do you most naturally rely on: Scripture, feelings, cultural approval, money, comfort, personal experience, or something else?
2. Where are you most tempted to blend "you do you" with your faith, allowing Scripture to be authoritative only until it challenges what you want?
3. What has had most of your attention lately? How might that attention be shaping your allegiance more than you realize?
4. Of the possible governors Joel named - desire, money, emotions, deception, or bitterness - which one are you most tempted to allow to rule your life right now?
5. What would it look like this week to actively "put to death" one habit, thought pattern, or pursuit that is pulling you away from the realities of heaven?
6. Have you allowed money or financial outcome to become the ultimate decision-maker in any area of your life? What would change if God's will became the deciding factor?
7. Is there a place where anger, rage, slander, or careless words have damaged a relationship? What step of humility or repair could you take this week?
8. Is there a truth you have been hiding from others or from yourself? What would it look like to step out of unreality and into honesty?
9. Who do you need to forgive, not because what happened was okay, but because bitterness is no longer allowed to govern your heart?
10. Before one important decision this week, pause and pray, "Father, your will be done." What decision comes to mind first?

## **Closing Summary**

This week's message reminds us that everyone has a worldview, whether we have named it or not. Our beliefs, decisions, and behaviors flow from what we treat as our ultimate truth source. The world often tells us, "you do you," but Jesus invites us into a better way: "your will be done." Paul teaches that followers of Jesus are called to set their sights on the realities of heaven and put to death the earthly things that try to govern us. What gets our attention can eventually demand our allegiance, so we must be honest about what is ruling our hearts. The invitation is not to feel condemned, but to trust our heavenly Father, surrender to His authority, and allow His goodness to shape every area of life.

## **Closing Prayer**

Help us see clearly what has been governing our hearts, decisions, desires, words, and relationships. Give us the courage to be honest about the places where we have trusted ourselves, our feelings, our money, our desires, or our bitterness more than we have trusted you. Teach us to set our sights on the realities of heaven and to put to death anything that pulls chaos into our lives. May your kingdom come and your will be done in us this week. Govern our hearts with the love and peace of Christ, and help us live as people who trust that your way leads to life. In Jesus' name, amen.