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"His Will; My Will; How Will I know?"

Scripture: Proverbs 3:6

"In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

Dramatic Category: Skermon

Topic: Discerning the will of God

Performance time: 8 minutes + 15 minute sermon

Number of Players: 2 young women

Objective:

To challenge the viewer to give God total control over five major areas of life: where to minister, where to focus our energy, what occupation to choose, who to marry, and total surrender of our passions to His sovereignty.

Synopsis:

Tenley cannot discern the will of God for her life, so Heather gives her an easy way to figure it out using the fingers on her hand as an easy reminder of which areas she needs to surrender to God's control. First, her thumb (*used for hitching a ride*) reminds her to let God show her **where to live**. Next, her pointer finger (*used to point out a direction*) reminds her to **love God** with all of her heart, soul, mind, and strength and keep that the main direction of her life. Next, her middle finger (*the longest finger on the hand*) reminds her to ask God to show her **what career to enter** because she will spend the longest amount of time "at work" doing something! Next, her ring finger (*the location of the wedding ring*) reminds her to ask God for his guidance regarding serious relationships and **commitment to a mate**. Finally, the little finger (*the smallest, yet still vital*) reminds her to ask God to **control her little passions, sins, and wants**, that may seem small at the start, but can lead to big trouble if they are not brought under submission to God's standards.

Cast:

Heather: *A level-headed college freshman, who figures that God's will for her life is to be saved, live a sanctified life in obedience to God's commands, and live with an "attitude of gratitude" that brings "salt" and "light" into a bland and dark world.*

Tenley: *A nervous freshman, who is terrified that she will miss God perfect will for her life because she will "misread" the signs.*

Rod Serling: *The one who delivers the sermon (the pastor)
The Pastor, disguised as Rod Serling, steps up to deliver the sermon in two parts: part #1 in the middle, as the "Twilight Zone" music interrupts the scene, and part #2 at the conclusion of the scene, as himself...not as Rod Serling.*

Costumes: Both girls are in their P.J's.

Props:

A journal for Tenley with the **script inside**, so she can read it during the skit.

A Bible for Heather with the **script inside**, so she also can read it.

NOTE: *These lines are challenging, so have the girls know the script well so they can look up and create character, but look down for prompting in lines. Heather pretends to "read" her Bible, and Tenley "takes notes" in her journal while actually prompting themselves.*

Lights:

It is late, so a central light representing a room light is effective.

OPTION: A blue light for Rod Serling's Twilight Zone moment would be effective.

Sound: Use the Twilight Zone theme music from a TV soundtrack CD.

Staging note:

This happens late at night in a college dorm room. Use two tables as beds. Be sure each table is facing out toward the audience. Drape the tables with blankets, spread some books around, some clothes, shoes, etc.

The Script

Scene 1:

(The two young women are dressed in Pajamas, seated on their respective twin beds, facing out to the audience. Heather is reading her Bible, while Tenley is writing in her journal.)

Tenley: Do you think I should have asked Allen out?

Heather: *(not really listening, but reading instead)* Uh huh.

Tenley: Do you think I was too forward?

Heather: Uh huh.

Tenley: I wonder if he thought I was too forward?

Heather: Uh huh.

Tenley: Well, If I didn't ask him out, he would never have asked me out. He's so shy; do you think he's shy?

Heather: Uh huh.

Tenley: Maybe he doesn't like me. Maybe that's God's way of telling me that Allen is not right for me because if Allen is right for me, he wouldn't be so shy, and then I wouldn't have had to ask him out because he would have asked me out, but he didn't, so that can only mean that God is telling me that Allen is not right for me, right?

Heather: *(not even looking up)* Uh huh.

Tenley: *(frustrated that Heather is not listening.)* Are you even listening to me?

Heather: *(not even looking up.)* Uh huh.

Tenley: Then it's Okay if I borrow twenty dollars from your purse?

Heather: Uh huh?

Tenley: Okay. Thanks.
(She gets down off of the bed and goes over to Heather's purse. She opens it.)

Heather: *(The sound of her purse opening makes Heather look up.)*
Hey! What are you doing with my purse?

Tenley: You said I could borrow twenty dollars.

Heather: I did not!

Tenley: (*insulted*) Then listen to me when I'm talking to you! The fine for ignoring me is twenty dollars.

Heather: (*Closing her Bible*) I'm sorry. What is it?

Tenley: It's Allen. (*climbing back onto the bed and staring intently at Heather.*) Do you think he's the man God has for me to marry?

Heather: How should I know? Wait and see.

Tenley: Wait and see! How can I wait and see? What if I waste all my time pursuing Allen, when he's not the right guy for me? What if I miss the guy God really has for me, when he's right there in front of me, and I'm not even noticing him because I'm wasting my time trying to be noticed by Allen, who's not really right for me, because if he were right for, he would have asked me out, but he didn't because he's too shy, so I had to do it? Do you think that could happen?

CHARACTERS FREEZE

**LIGHT CHANGE: THE LIGHTS GO OUT ON THE TWO GIRLS,
A BLUE LIGHT COMES BETWEEN THE TWO BEDS.**

SOUND CUE: "TWILIGHT ZONE" MUSIC.

(*Enter, "Rod Serling" look-alike" with dark suit on. He walks in between the two frozen girls.*)

Rod: Imagine, if you will, two college girls; each one trying to discover God's will for her life. Is there an answer to this dilemma? There's a sign post up ahead. The answer lies in the "Enlightened Zone."

REPEAT SOUND CUE: "TWILIGHT ZONE" MUSIC.

(*Rod breaks out of his character, takes the suit coat off, and begins to introduce the topic of "God's will for your life." He defines the two schools of thought.*)

Sermon Part 1

1. *Is there a "perfect will" for your life?*
2. *What happens if you "miss" it? Or...*
3. *Is there a "general" will for your life that falls under an umbrella of standards?*

(He will re-appear at the end of the skit, but at the conclusion of this introductory part of his sermon, Rod says this cue line and the girls come back to life as he exits.)

Rod: Let's see what happens. *(He snaps his fingers, giving the girls their cue.)*

Scene 2:

(The girls pick up right where they left off.)

Heather: I don't know. Do you think that could happen?

Tenley: What?

Heather: That you could "miss" God's will for your life?

Tenley: Yes! I could be not paying attention to the signs He's trying to give me, or I could be late to the place where I'm supposed to meet the "perfect" man because I took a wrong turn. Do you think I could take a wrong turn?

Heather: *(exasperated)* I think you are putting too much energy into the ring finger.

Tenley: What? What do you mean?

Heather: Hold up your hand, like this. *(She holds up one hand and spreads out her fingers. Tenley does the same.)*

There are five reasons to go nuts after high school; they are represented by the five fingers on your hand.

Tenley: Do you think I'm going nuts?

Heather: Absolutely crackers!

Tenley: *(insulted)* Oh.

Heather: *(She delivers this speech grabbing each finger on one hand with the thumb and forefinger of the other hand; thus, pointing out each finger. Tenley follows along.)*

Look, adult years are hard because you make so many life-long decisions. Each finger on your hand represents one of those important choices.

It starts with your thumb. *(She grabs her thumb with the thumb and forefinger; Tenley does the same.)* First, You decide **where you are going to live geographically**...you know, what part of the country or the world you will minister in. The thumb is used for hitching a ride, right? *(Tenley nods.)* And...a ride takes you somewhere, so that's how you can remember it.

Next, the **forefinger is your pointer finger**. You decide **what direction your life will point** to. Are you going to point to God in everything you do and in every decision you make, or are you going to point to yourself? What God really wants for your life is pretty clear. The Bible takes most of the guesswork right of it.

Tenley: It does?

Heather: Sure. Think about it. God wants you to be saved, right?

Tenley: Yes.

Heather: And He wants you to live a sanctified life in obedience to His commands.

Tenley: Uh huh.

Heather: And He wants you to have an "attitude of gratitude," so you can be "salt" and "light" in a bland and dark world.

Tenley: All that in one finger.

Heather: It's the pointer finger. It's supposed to help you "get the point" about what it really means to be a Christian.

Tenley: *(overwhelmed already.)* Oh.

The **middle finger** is the longest finger on the hand, see. *(She brings the fingers together to make this point, Tenley does too.)*

That finger represents your **career**. You will spend the longest amount of time at your career, so what do you really want to do with all that time and energy? It would be awful to spend five years preparing to do something you end up hating. *(She leans over to Tenley.)* Picking a major can make you crazy all by itself.

Then there's the ring finger.

Tenley: Now I get where you're going?

Heather: Yeah, you spend a lot of time here.

Tenley: Well, it's important! What if you marry the wrong guy?

Heather: Maybe you shouldn't worry so much about finding the right guy for you; maybe you should concentrate on becoming the right girl for the guy you will marry.

Tenley: How can I do that when I don't know who he is yet? *(to herself.)* I've got to find him!

Heather: Anyway, you know how important the "**dating and mating**" years are, and that's what the **ring finger** is all about.

The "**pinkie**" **finger** is the littlest finger on the hand. It represents your "little" sins that you think are no big deal. But those **little sins** and passions that are so personal that only you know about them.....well...they rob your life of "holiness," and when holiness is missing, you don't have any spiritual energy and you can't discern the will of God.

Tenley: Oh dear. This is more serious than I thought.

Heather: Oh it's serious all right! These "decision years" are like dancing on the edge of a razor blade. One false move and you cut your leg off!

Tenley: Great! I started this conversation feeling Okay, now I feel like I need counseling!

Heather: We all need counseling. The Bible says, "In the counsel of many there is wisdom." You have to talk your head off to everybody you trust during these five years, but most of all you need to talk with God.

Tenley: How am I going to keep all this straight?

Heather: It's not that hard. Look. Try to write your name, using only your thumb, forefinger, and middle finger. Don't let your ring finger and your pinkie get in on the act. *(Heather watches as Tenley does Okay writing her name.)*

Tenley: There, I did it. *(She shows Heather.)*

Heather: Now, try writing your name with just your ring finger and your pinkie finger. *(She watches as Tenley struggles to write her name.)*

Tenley: That's impossible; I can hardly grip the pen! *(She tries, then shows Heather the result.)*

Heather: You made a mess of your name didn't you?

Tenley: Yes.

Heather: That's the point. You make a mess of your name when you let your quest for a mate (*She points to the ring finger.*) and your little sins and passions (*She point to the pinkie finger.*) run your life.

Tenley: Oh...that's heavy.

Heather: But, if you let your pursuit of God (*She points to her forefinger.*) And your career choice (*She points to her middle finger.*) And your selection of where you minister in this world (*She points to the thumb.*) dominate your thinking, these "decision years" (*She wiggles all five fingers.*) will be a thrilling adventure!

Tenley: (*rubbing her head.*) You've given me a headache. (*She stares at her hand.*) I won't ever be able to look at my hand without thinking about five reasons to go crazy!

Heather: Look at it as five reasons to trust God. Put your hand in His and you'll be fine.

Tenley: (*She pauses for a moment, then shakes her head and abruptly changes the subject.*) I'm hungry.

Heather: You're hungry?

Tenley: Yes. Deep thinking always makes me hungry. Let's go.

Heather: You mean get dressed and go out?

Tenley: Yes, come on! The night is still young!

Heather: It's ten o'clock!

Tenley: Come on! (*whispering*) I've got six fingers on my hand.

Heather: Six?

Tenley: Yeah, one is left over for fun! (*She grabs Heather by the hand and leads her off stage.*)

Sermon Part 2

(After the girls leave the stage, the Rod Serling character comes back out and makes these points:)

- 1. These five college years are very serious*
- 2. It is perfectly normal to be nervous and concerned about the choices you make; you're not crazy!*
- 3. He presents a more in-depth look at the two theories regarding discovering God's will*

THEORY #1:

- 1. Yes, there is one perfect will.*
- 2. If you miss it, your life will be less than it could be and all your days will be mediocre compared to what your life could have been.*
- 3. Be careful to "read the signs" carefully; don't get sidetracked!*

THEORY #2:

- 1. No, God's will has already been revealed.*
- 2. Respond to His grace: Be saved!*
- 3. Live a sanctified life; Obey His commandments.*
- 4. Live with an "attitude of gratitude" that proves to be "salt" and "light" in a bland and dark world.*

OPTION: END THE SESSION WITH AN "OPEN MIC" OR AN OPEN DISCUSSION WITH THE AUDIENCE ON THE TOPIC OF "DISCOVERING GOD'S WILL FOR YOUR LIFE."