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Sermon: God Transcends Human Reason – (Thy Will Be Done)

Scripture: 2 Cor 10:1-7 (KJV), Mathew 26:36-41

Main Message - Our Rationale Thinking and Logic falls short of what God is able to do. Praise God

You pull up to a 4-way Stop. No one is there. Its late at night, your tired. You roll right on through and then you rationalize that it was OK for any of a number of reasons. You will use your own logic and reason to come to this conclusion. The Stop sign means stop. It doesn't say stop when convenient.

You go into the store and buy a bunch of grocery items. Things are getting expensive. You shop there often. You are paying with cash and the cashier makes a mistake and gives you an extra \$20 back. You don't notice until you get out to the car and realize the mistake. Now your mind starts churning immediately. What do you do? Ughh, walk all the way back into the store and return it? Count yourself lucky that you got the expensive groceries at a discount. Your short of money as it is so this is just God giving you a favor? Now *you* recall that time when they shorted you on accident so it's OK! Now you're in church so you know what you're supposed to do. That cashier's till is counted when they start and again when they are done. If it short \$20 who do you think pays it back? The cashier just lost an an *later* hours' worth of wages perhaps. Some would say, well that's their mistake. Now what if it was your son or daughter working the till? *Food Pantry*

These are black and white examples in reality, but we still try to justify our logic in ways that are completely bonkers. We want to come out ahead and WIN the day. Have you ever heard the phrase, "won the battle, but lost the war!" In reality, the individual who keeps the 20 lost the battle and is also in jeopardy of losing the war. Our imaginations twist us all up because we know we have had a fair shake. Well, too bad.

Read 2 Corinthians 10

Can you imagine if God, who is creator of all things, operated the way we think. Our world operates outside of our imaginations with logic and perfection. This is not accident but is by design. If man created it, which we are continually trying to do by the way, things just don't operate properly. Some of the stuff we can witness defies logic and yet it is spoken of as very acceptable.

In my mind, rationalization is like an excuse, but on steroids. We will alter reality in order to develop the scenario that speaks to our will being done. After all, we deserve it. God on the other hand, operates with exact precision and all of HIS Creation. We need to bring into obedience our hearts.

{Replay the two scenarios above}

Read Mathew 26

Even when you do the right thing, the struggle sometimes is still there. Jesus Struggled while in the flesh. When he was in the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus overcame his flesh and his will in submission to God the Father. That is Victory.

So neither of these examples might trouble you whatsoever. Be careful not to boast of your great power and obedience, because there will always be another test for us to have victory. Imagine if Jesus said, you know what, these people, most of them don't like me and so dying for them isn't worth it. Just come and get me Father with your legions of angels. Honestly, I'm so glad to know that God transcends our own logic, otherwise we would have no hope.