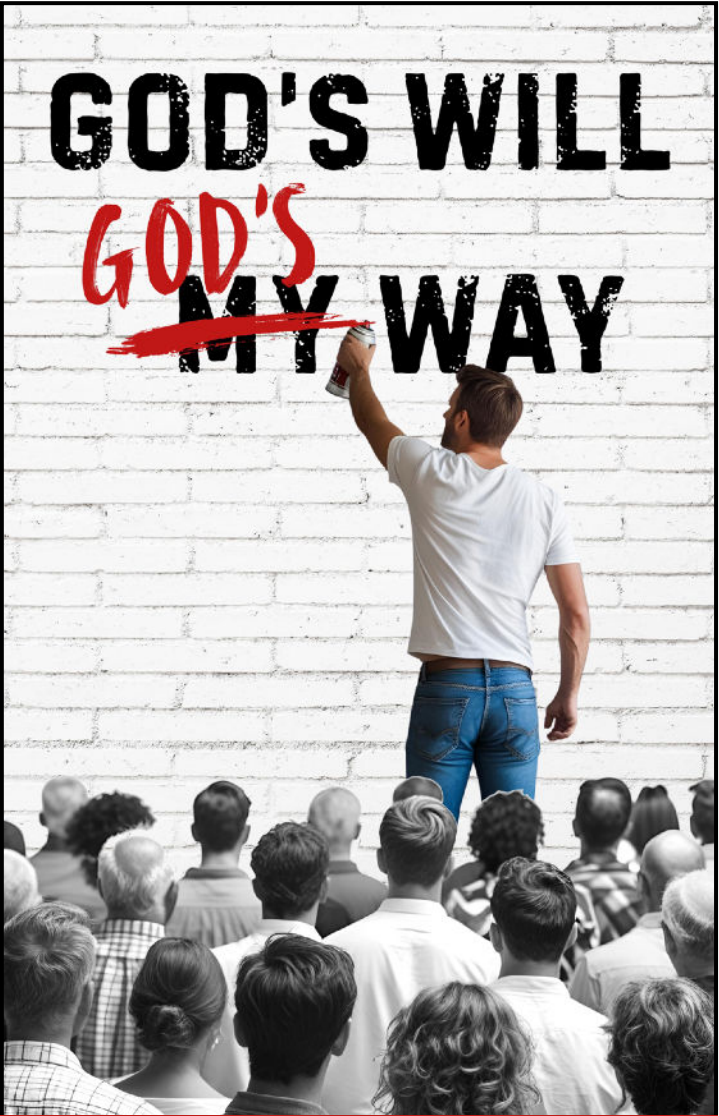


Sermon Notes

Life Notes

Upcoming Week



June 28 & 29, 2025

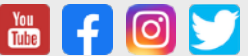
"God's Will, My Way"
Exodus 2:10-15



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God's Will, God's Way #3:
"God's Will, My Way"
Exodus 2:10-15

Opener:

Can you think of a time when you tried to fix something—but ended up making it worse?

Go Deeper:

Explore the biblical text and reflect on its meaning.

1. Read Exodus 2:11-12 and Acts 7:23-25. What do these verses reveal about Moses' motivations?
2. According to Acts 7:25, what did Moses assume about how his fellow Hebrews would respond? Why do you think they did not recognize his calling?
3. Read Exodus 2:13-14 and Acts 7:26-28. How does the Hebrew man's reaction expose Moses' flawed approach? What does this moment teach us about timing and trust?
4. What details in Exodus 2:15 and Acts 7:29 show the cost of Moses' impulsive action? For instance, what might it mean that he "sat down by a well"?
5. How do both Exodus and Acts portray God's sovereignty in the midst of Moses' failure? What signs of God's providence do you see, even in the desert?

Live It:

Apply the message personally and practically.

1. Have you ever sensed God's call or direction in your life, but moved ahead in your own strength or timing? What was the outcome?
2. What does it look like to pursue God's will in your current season of life? Where might you need to slow down, surrender, or seek wisdom?
3. Are you currently in a "desert" place emotionally or spiritually? In what ways might God be shaping you there rather than sidelining you?
4. Reflect on a time when your efforts, though well-intentioned, created confusion or hurt. How might that experience become a classroom of grace?
5. How does the gospel of Jesus—who fulfilled God's will perfectly—give you comfort and hope when you've blown it? How might it shape the way you approach your next step of living out your faith?

Sunday, June 29 - **NOISY OFFERING!**

8:30-11am Morning Fellowship, FH
8am Worship & Communion, WC
9:30am Worship, WC
11am Contemporary Worship, WC
11am Children's Church, NR

Monday, June 30

9-11:30am Food Pantry
10am The Chosen, FH
12:30pm GriefShare, C4
6pm The Chosen, FH



Tuesday, July 1

6:30pm Women's Bible Study, LR
7pm AA Men's Meeting, FS

Wednesday, July 2

9-11:30am Food Pantry
12:30pm Al-Anon, C4
1pm Men's Bible Study, LR
8pm AA Meeting, FS

Thursday, July 3

OFFICE CLOSED



Friday, July 4

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, July 5

8am Men's Bible Study, FS
4pm Worship, WC

CH = Chapel
FH = Fellowship Hall
FS = Fireside Room
LR = Luther Room
NR = Nursery
WC = Worship Center
C4 = Community Room

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We would love to hear your story!

If you have a story to share in The Pulse about healing, praise, gratitude, serving in a mission or ministry at Victory, share it at hello@victorylutheran.com. (300 word max)

Daily Bible Readings (June 22-28)

Sun: Exodus 2:10-15 Impatient Rescue: Moses Acts Too Soon
Mon: Acts 7:21-29 Heaven's Lens on Human Zeal
Tues: James 1:2-8, 12 Trials That Grow Trusting Wisdom
Wed: Proverbs 3:5-7 Lean on the Lord, Not on Self
Thurs: Isaiah 55:8-11 God's Higher Thoughts, Better Timing
Fri: Psalm 34:17-19 The Lord Near in Midian Moments
Sat: Romans 8:26-30 All Things Redeemed for Good

*The readings selected come from the Narrative Lectionary calendar.

GOD TIME: The Power of an Examined Life
Pastor Todd Mathison

Every week, I gather with a group of men from Victory. We meet early, coffee in hand, Bible at the ready, heart open. We are getting to know one another—our stories, our faith journeys, the highs and the lows—and little by little, we're growing as men of faith. But it's not just conversation for conversation's sake. We center ourselves in Scripture. We are beginning to use the Life Notes questions our preaching team prepares each week. These questions, drawn from Sunday's sermon texts, challenge us to go deeper—into the Word, into our hearts, and into the life God's calling us to live.

This is what "God Time" looks like. Honest reflection. Biblical grounding. Real relationships. To be a disciple of Jesus—a learner in the truest sense—requires living an examined life. Not a perfect one. Not a performance. But a life willing to ask, "Where is God speaking? What's He revealing? How is He calling me to trust and follow today?"

That kind of growth takes trust. And trust is built when we know the guys around us are in our corner—cheering us on, calling us higher, walking with us through thick and thin. Isn't that what we all long for? To be known, cared about, encouraged, and supported?

But here's the thing: the time to build your crew isn't when the next crisis hits. It's now. Start with God Time. And if you are ready to explore Group Time, contact the office—we would love to help you find your posse. Let's follow Jesus together.

If you would like to receive Life Notes each week via email send your request to hello@victorylutheran.com.



GATHER TIME: Patriotic Picnic
Sunday, July 6 @ 12:00pm

We are celebrating American Independence with an indoor picnic & potluck. Bring a favorite dish to share such as: hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, and watermelon will undoubtedly be crowd-pleasers. Don't forget vegetarian and gluten-free dishes. Bring a dessert, if that's your thing!

We will provide a selection of chilled beverages and live entertainment from **Tremble Clefs**; you all bring the food. Let's all celebrate the gift of freedom God has granted us in the U-S-of-A!



Tremble Clefs: Providing Music Therapy for people with PD since 1994

Tremble Clefs grew from a Parkinson's support group in Scottsdale Arizona. Members began singing around the piano after their programs, and together they explored the idea of starting a singing group for people with Parkinson's and thus Tremble Clefs was formed. Please come and enjoy their variety of choral music celebrating America, and help support this special community group through the freewill offering.

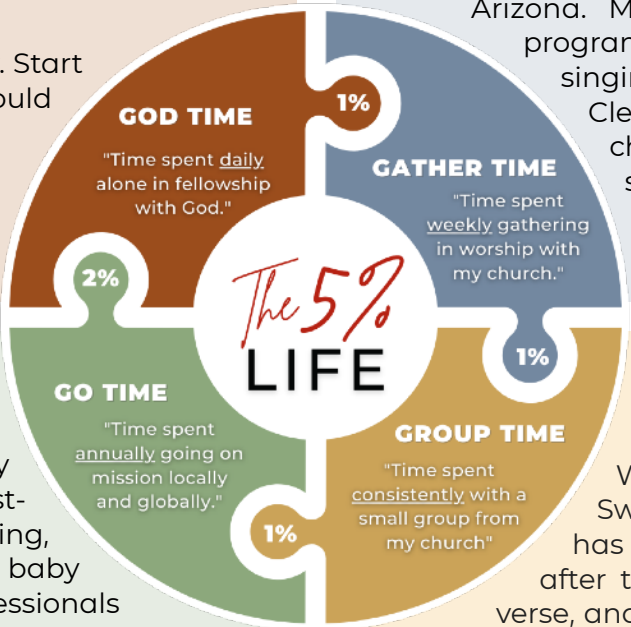
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GO TIME: Choices Awarded \$2,500 Grant from Victory Foundation

Every day, men and women across the East Valley walk through the doors of **Choices Pregnancy Center** carrying the heavy weight of an unexpected pregnancy. What they find is a warm, judgment-free welcome and a wide array of completely free, Christ-centered services—pregnancy tests, limited ultrasounds, STI testing, options counseling, parenting classes, and the popular "Earn While You Learn" program that exchanges baby supplies for participation in biblically-grounded education. Staffed by medical professionals and trained volunteers (including several familiar faces from Victory), Choices offers hope, honest information, and ongoing support long after a child is born or an adoption is finalized. By meeting practical needs with the love of Jesus, this local ministry turns crisis into opportunity for life. You can learn more online at: choicesaz.com.

The Victory Lutheran Foundation is delighted to come alongside this life-affirming outreach, awarding a \$2,500 grant this year to strengthen its vital mission. Because our Foundation is funded primarily through bequests and other planned gifts from faithful saints of Victory, the generosity of previous generations continues to flow into present-day ministry partners like Choices, sustaining kingdom work right here in our community. Each gift entrusted to the Foundation is carefully invested so that earnings can be released year after year—multiplying compassion, extending the Gospel, and reminding vulnerable families that their lives and their little ones matter to God and to us. Thank you for making this ongoing partnership possible through your legacy giving: together, we are cherishing life and sharing Christ's hope in Mesa and beyond. For more information about the Victory Foundation, send an email to legacy@victorylutheran.com.



GROUP TIME: Saying 'Yes' to God's Call
Ron Swalboski

What does it look like when you let God use you? Ron Swalboski, one of our new Stephen Ministers at Victory, has an incredible story about how God led him to serve after the loss of his wife. It started with a prayer, a Bible verse, and an unexpected invitation. Ron shares how God used a season of grief to bring new purpose and draw him closer to Christ. Take a couple of minutes to hear his powerful story—you will be encouraged!



SCAN ME

Just scan the QR code to watch.

We are excited that Ron has joined the team of Stephen Ministers who are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation.

The team of Stephen Ministers here at Victory come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

Do you have a yearning to help people in need? Is God calling you to walk side by side with another believer who is in pain? If so, please consider joining our Stephen Ministry program. For more information about Stephen Ministry please contact Pastor Susan Westland by email at swestland@victorylutheran.com or call the church office at 480-830-5024, ext. 131.

