

MY GOD IN MOTION...

Is God Really “In Control”?

“He works all things according to the counsel of his will”
Ephesians 1:11

Virtual Home Group Bible Study

04-14-2026

Agenda

- Purpose & Opening
- Topic: What, Why, How,
- Resources
- Discussion
- Group Prayers
- Feedback, Next Session & Closing

Purpose & Opening

Purpose: Exhort One Another Into Love and Good Works

“And let us **consider one another** in order to **stir up love and good works**,
Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some,
but **exhorting one another**, and so much the more as you see the day approaching.”

Hebrews 10:24-25

Opening Prayer:

Lord, Thank you for this opportunity.

Give me Words to deliver Your message.

Give us Eyes to See all things from Your perspective

and Ears to Hear and understand Your Word

Help us get to know You through Your Word

and Help us be transformed into the people You intended us to be when you sent us

Help us turn Your Words into loving action through our flesh

and bring You glory in all we do. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Topic

What:

Is God Really In Control?

Why:

- My children are destroyed for their lack of knowledge. Get knowledge and live in abundance.
- My word is truth and the truth will set you free.
- If I was “In Control” wouldn’t My Will always be done?
- If My Will was always done:
 - Why would I ask you to pray for My will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.
 - Why would Elijah need to pray 7 times to bring My will of drought and then rain on Ahab
 - Why did Moses need to engage Pharaoh and bring plagues
- If My will was to bring illness and disease, why would I ask you to pray to heal the sick.
- I gave dominion to man, and the power of life and death is in Your tongue. Use it wisely.
- I have called you to be a fellow worker, a partner, it is your choice to ignore Me or follow Me
 - You can continue on in ignorance and create more problems for yourself and others, or
 - You can stay silent and hope someone else eventually steps up to continue My work, or
 - You can engage, learn to live and speak My Word, and bring My Kingdom into place on earth as it is in heaven

(From Interactive Journaling With Jesus - 4/10/26, 4/12/26)

Approach: What, Why, How

Does God's Will Control What Takes Place?

- Is everything that happens to us God's Will?

- Good?
- Bad?
- Ugly?(Evil)

- God Wills All to come to repentance. Do They?

2 Peter 3:9

“The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not willing for any to perish, but for all to come to repentance.”

- God's Will sets the desired state, the perfect target

Romans 12:2

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

- We miss the target, become convicted by the Holy Spirit, truly repent, put off the old man and put on Christ, become transformed by grace

Does God “Control” All That Takes Place?

- If God is in control and His will is automatic?
 - Why do we need to pray at all?
 - Why pray specifically for “His kingdom come, His will be done”
- If God’s will has brought illness to someone,
 - Why ask us to violate His will and pray to heal the sick ?
- If God is “in control” – He must actively create pain and suffering
 - God is Love (1 John 4:8), His creation was very good (Gen 1:31)
 - He gave man dominion and free will (Gen 1:26)
 - Man chose to rebel, opened the door to evil, and we suffer consequences (Gen 3)
 - The devil lies, steals, destroys (John 10:10)
 - He administers pain and suffering (1 Peter 5:8, 2 Cor 4:4, Job 1-2)
 - The devil is the ruler of this world (John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11)
 - God does will work all things for good of those who love Him (Rom 8:28)

God Is Good/Love, He Can Not Will Evil

Psalm 34:8

"Oh, taste and see that **the Lord is good**; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!"

Psalm 100:5

"For **the Lord is good**; His mercy is everlasting"

Psalm 145:9

"The **Lord is good to all**, And His tender mercies are over all His works"

Job 34:10

"Therefore listen to me, you men of understanding:

Far be it from God to do wickedness, And from the Almighty to commit iniquity."

James 1:13

"Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God";

for God cannot be tempted by evil, **nor does He Himself tempt anyone.**"

The Devil Is The Source Of Evil, Rules This World

Revelation 12:9

And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the **deceiver of the whole world**—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

John 8:44

You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a **murderer** from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a **liar** and the **father of lies**.

John 10:10

The thief comes only to **steal and kill and destroy**. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to **devour**.

Ephesians 6:11-12

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to **stand against the schemes of the devil**. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

If God Is “In Control”, Why Ask Us To Choose

Deuteronomy 30:19

“I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore **choose** life, that both you and your descendants may live”

Joshua 24:15

“...**choose** for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

Revelation 3:20

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and **opens** the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

Genesis 2:16-17

“And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, ‘Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for **in the day that you eat of it** you shall surely die.’”

If God Is “In Control” We Can Just Sit Back...

- Let God Take Care Of Things...

- Hurricane Rescue Story

- Wait for Someone Else To Step Up...

James 2:15-17

“If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,’ but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”

- Talk a good story, but never do anything

1 John 3:18

“My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.”

- He Tells Us To Wait On Him, but Only After Submitting Prayer in Faith

Psalm 5:3 (NIV)

“In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice;
in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly”

Who Is “In Control”

- God Is Sovereign (Ultimate Authority)

“He does whatever He pleases.” (Ps 115:3)

“He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords” (1 Timothy 6:15)

“Declaring the end from the beginning...” (Isa 46:10)

- God Gave Man Real Responsibility (Delegated Dominion)

“Let Us make man in Our image, ...let them have dominion ...over all the earth” (Gen 1:26)

“What is man that you are mindful of him,...You have given him dominion over the works of your hands” (Psalm 8:4-8)

“Death and life are in the power of the tongue....” (Proverbs 18:21)

“I give you authority... over the power of the enemy” (Luke 10:19)

- We Listen To The Devil’s Lies, Rebel Against God, and Handed Our Power/Authority To The Devil

“And the devil said to Him, ‘All this authority I will give You,...; for this has been delivered to me,...’” (Luke 4:6)

Who Is “In Control” – Part 2

- Jesus Took Authority Back

“Now is the judgment of this world; now will **the ruler of this world** be cast out. (John 12:31)

“He **disarmed** the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.” (Colossians 2:15)

“Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might **destroy** the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil...” (Hebrews 2:14-15)

“And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.’” (Matthew 28:18)

- Jesus Redelegated Authority To Us

“I give you authority... over the power of the enemy” (Luke 10:19)

“Whatever you bind on earth is bound in heaven...” (Matt 18:18)

- God expects us to actively partner in His agenda

“As the Father has sent me, I am sending you” (John 20:21)

We Are Called Into An Active Role

James 4:7

Submit yourselves therefore to God. **Resist** the devil, and he will flee from you.

Ephesians 6:11-12

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to **stand** against the schemes of the devil.

John 14:12

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also **do the works that I do; ...**”

Matthew 28:18-20

...**Go therefore and make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching** them to observe all that I have commanded you....”

Mark 16:15

And he said to them, “**Go** into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.

1 Corinthians 3:9

For we are God's **fellow workers**. You are God's field, God's building.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should **walk** in them.

Philippians 2:13

For it is God who works in you, both to **will** and to **work** for his good pleasure.

God Always Works Through People

God Delegated Authority To Man

Genesis 1:26-28

“Let Us make man in Our image... let them have dominion ...over all the earth...”

Psalms 8:4,6-8

“What is man that You are mindful of him,... You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands...”

God Will Not Change His Mind or Violate His Delegation

Psalms 119:89

“Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven.”

Isaiah 40:8

“The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.”

Numbers 23:19

“God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent.
Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?”

Malachi 3:6

“For I am the Lord, I do not change”

God Always Works Through People:

Adam, Noah, Abram, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Joshua, Kings: David, Solomon, Prophets: Isaiah, Elijah, etc
Jesus,
You

Your Role: Passive Vs Active

Domain	God	Man
Authority	Ultimate	Delegated
Will	Perfect	Choose alignment or resistance
Action	Initiates, Inspires, Empowers	Responds, Partners, Enforces
Outcome	Final say	Influences real-time outcomes

Practical Approach

- Draw Near: Get To Know Him, Spend Time With Him
- Be Led: Ask, Listen, Follow
- Share Your Testimony
- Engage:
 - Discern Works Of The Devil – Anything not in the garden
 - Understand God's Will, Ask for His Path
 - Stand In Righteousness Jesus Paid For
 - Use The Authority He Gave You
 - Speak Gods Will Into Place
 - Believe and Receive
 - Bring The Father Glory Thru Name Of The Son

God's Will Is Knowable – Just Ask!

Ephesians 5:17

"Therefore do not be foolish, but **understand what the will of the Lord is**".

Romans 12:2

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing **you may discern what is the will of God**, what is good and acceptable and perfect".

Colossians 1:9

"...We continually ask God to **fill you with the knowledge of his will** through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives".

James 1:5

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him **ask God**, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him"

Am I An Active Partner Or Am I Still Passive

Indicator	Passive	Active Partner
Posture	“God will handle it”	“Lord, how do You want me to engage?”
Prayer	Occasional, reactive	Intentional, aligned with His will
Authority	Ignored	Exercised
Response to evil	Tolerates	Actively Resists
Faith	Mental agreement	Applied belief
Gospel	Kept Private	Shared Openly
Healing	Rarely pursued	Prays for the sick
Outcomes	Limited	Sees movement / fruit

Call to Action:

- Be Bold – Become An Active Partner To Bring God’s Will Into Place On Earth
 - Submit to God, Resist the Devil
 - Be Led – Ask, Listen, Follow
 - Actively Pursue Your New Purpose – Bring God Glory In All You Do
 - “Do” God’s Word – Embody His Will in your life
 - Engage:
 - Notice A Work Of The Devil – Anything not in the Garden
 - Understand God’s Will – Ask for Wisdom on His Path For You
 - Stand In The Righteousness He Paid For – Reunited/Innocent/Holy
 - Use The Authority He Gave You
 - Speak To The Mountain In Faith
 - Believe and Receive To Bring God Glory
- Journaling:
 - Lord, What Opportunity Should We Pursue Today?
 - What Ungodly Love do I foster?
 - What Lie Am I Embracing?
 - What Truth Will Replace It?
 - Repent, Embrace, Put Off/Put On, Be Transformed By Grace

Resources – MyGodInMotion.org

Is God “ In Control”

<https://mygodinmotion.org/about-him-god-jesus/how-to/is-god-really-in-control/>

Testimony; Leverage Gods Word For Encouragement

<https://mygodinmotion.org/about-him-god-jesus/how-to/testimony-using-the-word-of-god/>

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Speak To Your Mountain In Faith

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Stand In Your New Identity In Christ

<https://mygodinmotion.org/about-him-god-jesus/how-to/your-new-identity-in-christ/>

Embrace Your New Purpose In Christ

<https://mygodinmotion.org/about-him-god-jesus/how-to/your-purpose-in-christ/>

The Truth Will Set Your Free

<https://mygodinmotion.org/about-him-god-jesus/how-to/ungodly-beliefs-limit-you-the-truth-sets-you-free/>

Be Led - Hear God’s Voice Via Interactive Journaling:

<https://mygodinmotion.org/about-him-god-jesus/relationship/you-can-hear-gods-voice/>

Discussion

This Topic:

- Questions / Clarification
- Practical Experiences: Struggles, Success, Lessons Learned

Other Topics:

- Questions / Comments?
- Testimony To Share?
- Group Prayers: Updates, New
- Journaling: Calling, Visions/Dreams, Gifts, Opportunities
- Feedback: What Is Working / Opportunities To Improve / Topics

Next Session: **Tues 04/21/26**

Closing Prayer

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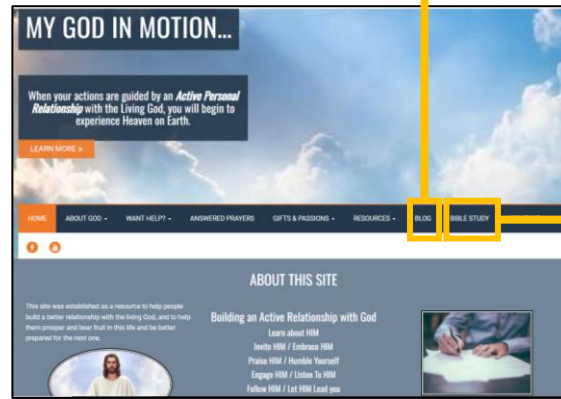
- Heavenly Father, Thank You for this opportunity, fellowship, and sharing.
- Thank you for the gift of Your Word, and Your Son who made it flesh.
- May we See, Hear, and Embrace your Word in our Heart, and assimilate it into Our flesh.
- May we recognize the opportunities within us and around us.
- May we seek Your face and embrace Your help to root out our selfish agendas.
- May we transform into Your image and perfect the flow of Your love to others.
- May we be inspired into the good works that You have prepared.
- May we walk in the light as Jesus was in the light,
Shine as a bright beacon in this dark world, and
Do all things in Jesus' name to bring glory to the Father who sent Him.

“...if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14

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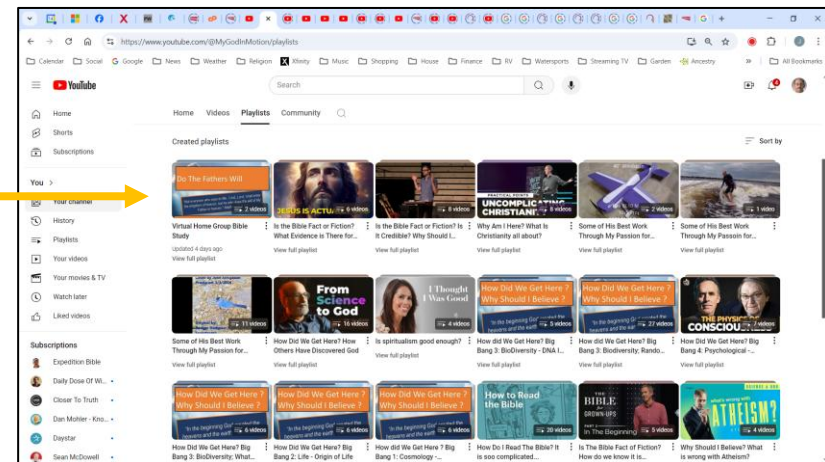
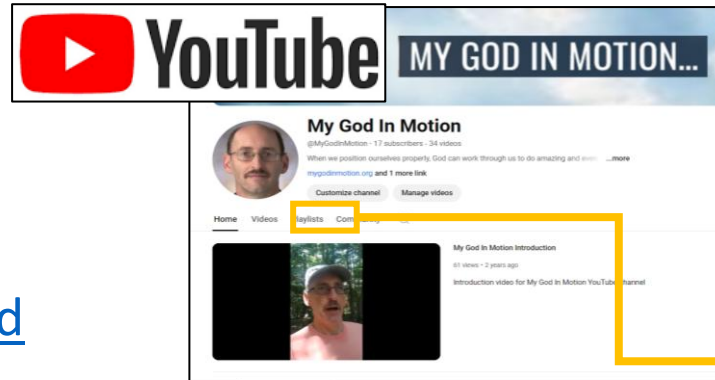
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Group Prayer Activity - Page 1

Date	Person	Situation	“Word” Received	Prayer	Date	Answer
	Jay	Phantom limb pain	Go Around	Lord, Your will is always healing, by your stripes we are already healed. You told us to go around the pain. Help us see the path you have set before us to go around this pain.	1 week	Dr offered new pain med, significant improvement.
	Tammy Neighbor	Fall from unprotected balcony		Lord, we speak healing in Jesus’ name.		Upbeat, minor surgery, expecting full recovery.
	World	Geopolitical Upheaval		Lord, help the world repent and find you. Help the US find its path back to leading the world in goodness.		
	Ashley	Vascular calcium		Lord, Help us find your path forward for Ashley.		Cardiac Dr Not Excited, Ordered Echo cardiogram tests to eval.
6/20	Lana	UTI	Aster testimony	Lord, help Lana find you and your path to healing. If Aster’s supplement is the answer help her embrace it. We speak healing in Jesus’ name.	1 Day	Felt significantly better
July	Guy	Back	Pray and be patient	Back be healed	1 Wk	Back pain free after church service
					9/8	Back recovered, back in gym
	Bergie	Heart		Help her get proper treatment, heal her heart	9/16	She is in a better situation now

Group Prayer Activity - Page 2

Date	Person	Situation	"Word" Received	Prayer	Date	Answer
7/23	Tamra	Elbow Injury		Elbow be healed		Returned to urgent care, found fracture, wrapped differently, healed in 1 wk
7/23	Ashley	Broken Ankle		Path through surgery and recovery		Surgery successful, working PT
8/12	Tom	Kidney Issues		Lord, Help Tom find your path through these issues.		
	Donna	Heart		Lord, May new medical intervention enable success with heart and continuing this race	9/9	Stable, improved.
8/19	Michael	Cardiac Issues, Catheterization procedure failed, scheduling second attempt		Lord, Help Michael gain success through this procedure, help the Dr's be successful in addressing the issues.	8/23	Procedure was a success, Stints set up. Recovering.
9/9	USA	Urban Violent Crime, Woman Killed no train		Lord, May her death be a turning point bringing awareness and better systems of justice and mgmt of mental illness		
9/23	Tamra	Long drive ahead		Safe and Sound	10/1	Accomplished despite severe storms
10/8	Luis (Lori's Friend)	In Hospice		Peace On His Journey Home		

Group Prayer Activity - Page 3

Date	Person	Situation	"Word" Received	Prayer	Date	Answer
10/14	Jim	Life Struggles		Holy Spirit Help Jim: Housing, Employment, Mental, Financial, Trust You	10/21 11/11 11/18 12/2	Moved to hotel for week, improving Progress on prayer/journaling, Pursing apartment Progress – good steps forward, some back Progress, grateful
10/28	Donna's Elder Friend - Levette	Struggles in Hospice		Have peace with process, Have strength in faith to continue the race	11/4 11/11	Good attitude. Strength and Progress on journey Released from Hospital / Hospice care to all's surprise
11/04	Donna's Sister Inlaw – Mel	Digestive issues		Healing	11/11	Solid Progress
11/18	Donna's Sister Chris	Heart Attack, Now Home		Recovery, Reduced Stress, Glorify God		
11/18	Jay's Friend Jim	Double Bypass impending		Surgeon skill, Success, Recovery, Glorify God	12/2	Surgery done, home, all well
11/18	Tamra Son Alex	Recent Knee dysfunction, headed to ortho Dr tomorrow		Diagnostic find cause, Corrective action and healing;	1/26 2/23	Amazing to get specialists scheduled. Med improving pain. New med dramatic improvement
11/25	Donna	Heart surgery		Successful surgery	12/16	Went well , success, no complications
12/9	Emerson	Inflammation / Pain		Rebuke work of devil, gain healing		Pain gone. Returning to work 1/5

Group Prayer Activity - Page 4

Date	Person	Situation	"Word" Received	Prayer	Date	Answer
1/13/26	Donna Son in Law Brett	Intestine resection, healing		Healing and Devine health		
1/20/26	Stacy	Hearing		Your will is healing, we speak healing, whatever mode... miraculous or medical		
2/03/26	Donna's Son Phillip	Bike Accident		Healing, manifest the kingdom, restore bones, flesh, resolve pain.	2/24	Recovered, Baptized
2/03/26	Tom Slocum	Stomach		Healing, restoration of stomach/digestive		
2/03/26	Micheals Mom, and Sister Rene	At risk in Iran, 105 th birthday next month.		Protection and provision during protest, may she complete this journey in peace, and may Iran be restored to glory	2/14	Mom passed in peace
2/17/26	Micheals Brother Nasser	Cancer, In Hospice		Complete this journey. God's will for healing be done...this life or next.	2/23	Passed away
3/10/26	Tim	Hip pain		We have group in one accord on authority and speak hip Pain be gone.	4/9	Significant reduction in pain...7 to 3
3/10/26	Jay	Phantom limb pain		We have group in one accord on authority and speak pain be gone.		Pain reduced immediately from prayer. TBD on sustainment
3/24	Kayden, Emma's Grandson	Enlarged heart, in Hospital in FL		Strengthen to be released so he can live life	4/9	Released from Hospital, then released from rehab within 3 days