

Will You?

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Psalm 86:11

*Teach me your way, O LORD,
and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart,
that I may fear your name.*

Verses like this give me pause. As I read them, say them, or memorize them there is a voice in the back of my mind asking, “you say this, but do you *do* this?”

I like to pray for God to teach me His ways and give me an undivided heart, but I’m not always fond of walking in His truth or fearing His name. Sometimes I like my path much better than His and I fear worldly things and wounded pride more than I fear His great holiness and power. And often, I want to divide my heart.

For me this week, the most powerful part of this scripture is that little four letter word in the second line, “will.” It doesn’t say, I’ll *try* to walk in your truth, or *consider* it, or *think* about it. No, it says I WILL.

Last night the Lord really started convicting me about my obedience, reminding me that obedience doesn’t come on a sliding scale and that it isn’t optional. I don’t know what God intends to show you this week as you memorize Psalm 86:11, but I am praying that you will have an open heart to hear Him and the discipline to obey Him. The term I wrote down last night was “extreme obedience.”

I memorized verse 11 along with verses 12 and 13 also because it reminds us of why we want to obey... because He loves us. His ways are good for us because He loves us. We can trust His ways because He loves us. We can seek Him above all other things because His love is sufficient for us.

Praying for us to live as those who are loved and those who WILL,
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Psalm 86:11-13

*Teach me your way, O LORD,
and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart,
that I may fear your name.
I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart;
I will glorify your name forever.
For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the depths of the grave.*