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# THE PRAYER OF COMMITMENT



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***“Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.” Luke 22:42 NKJV***

### INTRODUCTION

Ephesians 6:18 tells us to pray with “all manner of prayer”, meaning that there are different kinds of prayer for different situations. The prayer that Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane is called the prayer of consecration, dedication and commitment, which we will call “the prayer of commitment”. Making a commitment means dedicating oneself to a cause or activity, a pledge or undertaking, which may restrict freedom of actions. Jesus prayed this prayer before He went to the cross. He made a dedication to follow God’s plan at whatever the cost. Even though He knew the cost was high, He still committed to his Father to fulfill His will, plan and purpose. All of us will have to make decisions in life to choose to follow God or our own personal plans. The prophet Jeremiah declares, “I know Lord, that our lives are not our own.” (Jeremiah 10:23 NLT) We know that following God’s plan will ultimately be the best path for our lives, even though it may not always look like it. God promises us that his plans are “for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” (Jeremiah 29:11 NLT)

### THE MOST MISUNDERSTOOD PRAYER

Jesus prayed, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will” (Mark 14:36 NKJV). This prayer has been largely misunderstood amongst believers and has caused confusion in the area of prayer. Many in the church have been misappropriating the phrase “if it be thy will” in their prayer time. People often add this phrase to the end of every prayer, in an attempt to express humility to God. However, using this phrase can actually nullify our prayer, especially when we are praying for something we know God has already promised in His Word. Adding “if it be thy will” can actually be a statement of doubt rather than faith, especially when we are praying for something that we know is God’s will for us. So, when should we pray “if it be thy will”? Let’s

learn the main principles of the prayer of commitment.

### THE PRAYER OF SURRENDER

“By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called...and he went out, not knowing where he was going.” (Hebrews 11:8 NKJV) There are times we don’t know where God wants to lead us. Like Abraham, we should be willing to follow, even though we don’t know exactly where we’re going. We may find ourselves in situations where we have a decision to make but we don’t know which way to turn. In those situations, we need to pray the prayer of commitment. The ultimate purpose of this prayer is to lay down your life for God’s will, plan and purposes. First, you must be willing to follow God no matter the cost. This means you say yes to God unconditionally. When you pray this prayer, you surrender to God in complete obedience. Note, this is not a prayer you can pray for anyone else. It is a prayer only you can pray to God for yourself. During this prayer, we dedicate our lives to His will. We consecrate ourselves, which means we set our lives apart for His plan and purpose. In other words, we become willing to do whatever God wants and whatever it takes to follow His will for our lives.

### LIFESTYLE OF COMMITMENT

This prayer is not just prayed one time in our lives. We need to assess our lives and pray this prayer regularly. We can ask ourselves: “Am I willing to let go of my personal agenda to follow God?” “Am I willing to dedicate my time, energy and money to serve God’s purposes?” This prayer helps us to continually yield ourselves to God’s plan and purpose. It’s easy to become self-centered and self-serving in our world today. The life of Jesus reminds us how to live a dedicated life to God. “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” (John 15:13 KJV) “We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.” (1 John 3:16 NLT)

As we commit ourselves to follow God, it is vital to know that He gives us the grace and

power to fulfill our calling and our commitment. "For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him." (Philippians 2:13 NLT) We can be confident that God's power is available to us when we pray "not my will, but Yours be done."



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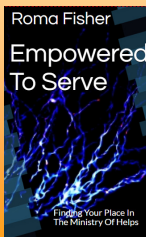
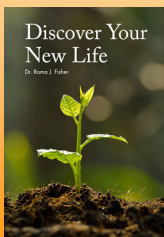
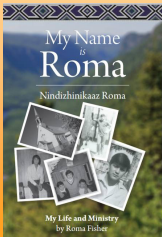
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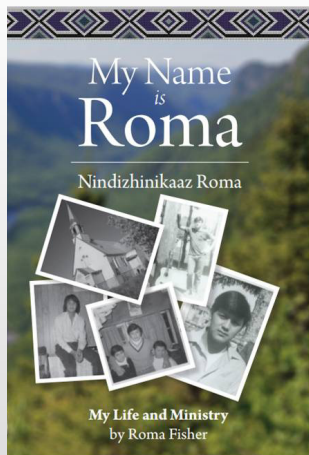


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