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# **The Life and Times of Jesus Christ**

**Part 17**

**Christ's Parallel Truths**

**Matthew**

**Mark**

**Luke**

**John**

**John 4:43-45**

# **John 4:43 - NLT**

**At the end of the two days,  
Jesus went on to Galilee.**

# John 4:44

He himself had said that a prophet  
is not honored in his own  
hometown.

# John 4:45

Yet the Galileans welcomed him, for they had been in Jerusalem at the Passover celebration and had seen everything he did there.

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# Parallel Truths

**Seemingly Opposing Truths that are found in the Bible that force us into a dilemma. The dilemma is that we must try to discern God's perfect will between two alternatives that are both biblically true.**

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# Principle #2

**When we are experientially confronted with two seemingly opposing truths that come from the Bible, our human nature is to cling to one and then ignore, exclude, or attack the other.**

# Principle #3

**Parallel truths found in the Bible are meant to be held at the same time during the Holy Spirit led decision making process because they are meant to humble us and to make us fully dependent on the Lord.**

# Principle #4

**Appropriately handling the parallel truths found in the Bible requires us to personally know God, to personally keep studying His story as He's told it, and to keep praying while we apply Holy Spirit led critical thinking.**

# His Story

- **Our comfort is not important.**
- **Obedience is everything.**
- **He has His own perfect will, and it usually never matches up with ours.**
- **If we will not follow Him, He will replace us with others who will.**

# His Story

- He has no problem tearing down what He Himself started if it is no longer serving His intended purpose.
- He shows love to His enemies.
- His love for His created children will not stop Him from destroying them.

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# Principle #5

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# **The Father's Heart**

- **Love your enemies.**
- **Bless those who persecute you.**
- **Turn the other cheek.**
- **Others will know that we are His disciples by the way we love one another.**
- **God wants everyone to be saved.**



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# Principle #6

**So long as the Lord allows and so long as time permits, allow God to show you what His perfect will is. More often than not, God already has the perfect answer and we just need to take the time to listen to Him.**

# Principle #7

**Understanding and embracing God's parallel truths is crucial because there are times that the Lord calls us to do something that looks upside down and backwards to us, but it is necessary to accomplish His perfect will.**

# Hebrews 11:32

How much more do I need to say?  
It would take too long to recount  
the stories of the faith of Gideon,  
Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David,  
Samuel, and all the prophets.

# Hebrews 11:33

By faith these people overthrew  
kingdoms, ruled with justice,  
and received what God had  
promised them. They shut the  
mouths of lions,

# Hebrews 11:34

quenched the flames of fire,  
and escaped death by the edge of  
the sword. Their weakness was  
turned to strength. They became  
strong in battle and put whole  
armies to flight.

# Hebrews 11:35a

Women received their loved ones  
back again from death.

# Hebrews 11:35b

But others were tortured, refusing to turn from God in order to be set free. They placed their hope in a better life after the resurrection.



# Hebrews 11:36

Some were jeered at, and their backs were cut open with whips. Others were chained in prisons.

# Hebrews 11:37

Some died by stoning, some were sawed in half, and others were killed with the sword. Some went about wearing skins of sheep and goats, destitute and oppressed and mistreated.

# Hebrews 11:38

They were too good for this world,  
wandering over deserts and  
mountains, hiding in caves and  
holes in the ground.

# Hebrews 11:39

All these people earned a good reputation because of their faith, yet none of them received all that God had promised.

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