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Dear Friends,

When I spend time with my grandson I am often reminded of the quote from Isaiah 11:6 which states, "A little child shall lead them."

So often he does things that surprise and amuse me as he learns about his world and how things work. He is also a great source of spiritual insight as I watch him respond and learn from his experiences.

The old saying, "He has a will of his own" comes to mind when he wants something for there is no doubt in my mind that he really wants it. If he has something he shouldn't have and you take it from him he'll let you know right away how unhappy he is about it. All this got me to thinking the other day about how the human will develops.

We have heard that we must do God's will. Jesus is recorded as saying, "Not my will but thy will be done." On the surface it would seem that surrendering our individual will to God's will means that we give up, do nothing and turn it all over to God. But I don't think so.

We were not created to be powerless, weak, or helpless. We were not created to be victims of circumstance, situations, or fate. We were created in the image and likeness of God and therefore have within us God's spiritual DNA! Therefore our human will must be linked to God Will in some way, a reflection of the divine spark that dwells within us.

In Unity we understand the human will to be one of the 12 powers given to man, a power represented by the disciple Matthew. We teach that God's will is for expression of absolute good in all things for all creation. We are told in Genesis that God created all that is and called it good. This got me to think about Unity's

affirmation that states: *There is only one presence and one power in the Universe and in my life, God the Good, Omnipotent.* If we are to hold this ideal as Truth then our will is an extension of God's will.

If God is everywhere present, then there is only one will - God Will. As spiritual children we were given the gift of free will, which is to say we were given the freedom to co-create with God by allowing God Will to be expressed through us. "Not my will, (ego's demand and willfulness to edge God out of our lives) but Thine be done" (being the channel through which only good is expressed), requires that we stay centered and focused on God as the answer to all our problems.

Jesus said, "Go to God first and then to man as directed." This is how we get to use our free will to become aware of and align with God Will. By using the spiritual practices of prayer and meditation we can remove obstacles that mask or hide God Will from us. As we develop this practice into a daily routine we learn what it means to be able, as Jesus put it, "live in this world but not be of this world."

To be of this world is ego's purpose. To be in it is Spirit's purpose. Each day we get to choose how we are going to show up, to use our gift of free will to choose willfulness or willingness. When we are willing to align ourselves with Spirit then we are shown what to do and how to do it so that we may experience peace, order, harmony, and love in our life and affairs.

Yes, we will have trials, hurts, pain, and suffering for these are the things of ego and the world. And because we are in the world we feel them. However, as you learn to align your will with God Will you will be given all that you need to overcome any challenge in your life.

Affirm daily: *My will is God Will and God Will is my will.* Then let your inner child discover all the wonders that await your new found sense of well-being as you let your gift of free will help you rise above any sense of lack and limitation in your life.