

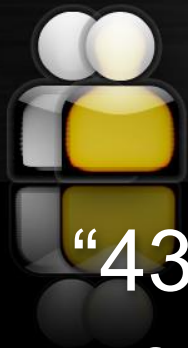


“I must be in my Father’s house”
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“43 And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, 44 but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, 45 and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him.”



“46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48 And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress."



“49 And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? **Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?**" 50 And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. 51 And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.”



Ezekiel in Perth



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Age of accountability





- Jesus knew that was part of God's will for his life and so He obeyed. He did precisely what was in the Father's will. Jesus was **driven by the will of the Father** to fulfil His unique mission as the Savior.



- Hebrews 5:7-8 *“In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. 8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.”*



- *“Shema Israel, Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai Echad”*

(Hear O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is One).



God's will: 2 key principles

- Knowing God's will is foundationally, about the two greatest commandments: Love God and love our neighbours. Loving God is to follow His commandments. Loving our neighbours is to share and be the Gospel to them.
- Whatever we do on a day to day basis or even when making big decisions, the two greatest commandments can be our guiding posts.



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Luke 2:41-51

***Luke 2:52** And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature (as in maturity in age) and in favor (grace) with God and man.*



Seek wisdom. And to find wisdom, seek the will of God and do the will of God.



Christmas isn't Christmas if we miss this Gospel of the message of the Cross. For Christ was not here to seek the appraisal of men; but He was here to obey the will of the Father. And thanks be to God that He did just that.