

Submit to God's Will and You Might Get a Surprise

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Julea Ward...does that name ring a bell? During our morning devotional, my wife and I once again discussed the will of God. My wife made the statement, "If God's will is supreme then why even try to change anything?" After all, if everything eventually conforms to His will it's going to happen no matter what...isn't that correct? Sometimes people get disappointed when they try to follow what they perceive as God's will and things don't seem to change, or things don't work out as they imagined. Julea Ward is a Christian woman who had a dream of becoming a "certified counselor." Apparently, she felt that God inspired her to pursue a career through which she could help people struggling with life's issues. She wanted to become a "certified counselor" so she enrolled in Eastern Michigan University with the goal of attaining a Masters Degree. Everything seemed to be going well as she attained an impressive 3.9 grade point average. I would think that she must have felt that she was definitely conforming to God's will for her life as she edged closer to graduation; after all, helping people is a Biblical principle. I am sure that she must have worked hard and had a passion for her dream; but one day everything changed! Months away from graduation and the fulfillment of her dream, she had her Christian faith and values put to the test. Julea, as a part of her training, was given the assignment of counseling a homosexual couple about their homosexual relationship. This lifestyle, being contrary to her Christian Values, prompted her to refer that person to another counselor. She as a Christian, would not compromise her beliefs and values by helping this couple thereby condoning what was, according to her belief, a sinful lifestyle. The story goes on with Julea Ward being expelled from the university and as one article put it, "her hopes of becoming a certified counselor were dashed." The question is, "why would God seemingly lead someone in one direction for so long, and put a deep desire in one's heart, and then let that person's life passion be destroyed when they are so close to fulfilling their dream?" I am sure that Julea was very disappointed because of what happened. I'm sure she had many times envisioned herself helping hundreds; possibly thousands of people after getting her degree, but now it seem as if it was all over...or was it?

Our Ways Are Not His Ways

It seems to me that God had a much larger plan for Julea. She was not to counsel thousands but rather millions. Through her story, millions of people were counseled! Through her quest to satisfy the requirements of man (the university) to become "certified" to counsel people, she had a hand in being used by the "Mighty Counselor" in a way she probably never imagined! Years ago, I had a friend named Ted, whom in my opinion was an excellent counselor. He had counseled me many times and eventually ended up in a ministry utilizing the gift that God had given him. He had no degree in counseling when I knew him, I lost touch with him so I can't say he never got one, but somehow I doubt it...He seemed to be too busy counseling to take the time to get a degree in counseling. I know that seems to be foolish statement but I'll say this...some of the best sermons I ever heard were preached by people who never set foot in a Seminary, and never will. They are gifted and ordained by God to do what they do. This describes my old friend Ted and many others. Julea Ward, through her faith in God, counseled millions concerning the truth of God's word pertaining to the sinfulness of homosexuality. Yes, the Bible refers to it as sin. "That's my opinion" some might say; no, it is the Word of God!

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Romans-1:26-27-(NIV)

^[26] Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. ^[27] In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion. Wow - the Bible even calls it a perversion! I guess God is not concerned about "political correctness" and I truly believe neither should we.

I don't know for sure what Julia's ultimate motivation was as to pursuing a counseling degree. I'm sure she must have a passion to help people . . . there's a lot of that in the Christian community . . . perhaps the financial benefits had a hand in her motivation as well. . . I do not know for sure, but I doubt money was a driving force in her case. People who are "in it for the money" would tend to go with the flow, and in a lot of cases put their convictions aside. If there is a lesson for her in what transpired, it might be that the important thing is helping people. Another lesson learned . . . to follow the desires and the conviction that God places in your heart no matter what. Through Julea, I too received counseling concerning all the times I compromised my Christian beliefs, and I am sure everyone reading this can relate to that. To Julea I say this . . . you already have the "Master's Degree". . . use it for His work and God will continue to Bless Julea Ward.

Matthew6:24(NIV)

^[24] "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

By the way, Julea had her "Day in Court" over this and she won! Search Julea Ward for details.

God Bless Julea Ward.