

NOT MY WILL, BUT THINE BE DONE



“Not my will, but thine be done” is the paradigmatic way for the follower of Jesus. This is the “losing your life for my sake” insisted upon by Jesus as well his “take up your cross and follow me.” This is the way of death – to self. Not denial of desire but setting desire aside to obey the clear summons when it comes.

I have never found this easy or pleasant. It wrenches me and tears my heart when I give up, for the sake of God, something important to me. After that death, I find again his resurrection unto life. But not at the moment of transaction. Then, it just plain hurts.

But who will be God? Him or me?