

Week 1 July 9 2023

### "The Sound of Music"

Jeremiah 29:11; Proverbs 12:15, 19:20;

James 1:5; Psalm 98:5, 100:2;

Ephesians 5:19-20; Joshua 1:9; Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 5:29

#### I. Introduction

- A. The Sound of Music received \_\_\_\_\_ Academy Awards, including Best Picture.
- B. It's the story of a young woman named \_\_\_\_\_, who is studying to be a nun but is sent to be a governess to seven children for a retired naval officer and widower.

#### II. The Will of God

- A. A career is about advancing yourself. A \_\_\_\_\_ is about serving God.
- B. We are going to need wise Godly \_\_\_\_\_ from others in order to understand God's will for us.
- C. We need to ask God for wisdom. That means you need to \_\_\_\_\_ - talk to God.

#### III. The Importance of Music

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ serves some distinct purposes in our lives and especially within our Christian tradition.
  - a. Music teaches us the Gospel.
  - b. Music allows us to express our love to God.
  - c. Congregational singing helps us show unity.
  - d. Music as worship helps us fulfill God's command.

#### IV. Courage to Do God's Will

- A. We can't let \_\_\_\_\_ keep us from God's plan for us. We need to trust in him and get out of our comfort zone.
- B. As Christians, we should not compromise our \_\_\_\_\_ even when it costs us something.

#### *Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message*

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# ASBURY DAILY STUDY GUIDE *July 10-15, 2023*

## INTRODUCTION

The Sound of Music is a 1965 American musical drama. After its release in theaters, the critical response to the film was mixed, but it was a major commercial success, becoming the number one box office film after four weeks, and the highest-grossing film of 1965. It's the story of a young woman named Maria, who is studying to be a nun but is sent to be a governess to seven children for a retired naval officer and widower. So where does this film point us toward scripture?

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### Monday: Jeremiah 29:10-14

When Maria is asked "what is the most important thing you learned at the abbey?" She responded "to find out what is the will of God and to do it wholeheartedly." Do you know what God's will and purposes is for your life? Do you do it wholeheartedly?

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### Tuesday: Proverbs 12:15, 19:20; James 1:5

Finding out what God's will is for your life is a hard task. We may already have an idea of what we think it is, just like Maria, who believed that she was meant to live out her life in the Abbey as a nun serving God. Maria relies on the council of the Reverend Mother and prayer to discover God's will for her. Do you have Godly council in your life? Where have they helped you in the past? Do you pray on a regular basis, asking God for direction in your life?

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### Wednesday: Psalm 98:5, 100:2, Ephesians 5:19-20

Maria teaches the children how to sing and it brings her closer together with the children. Music plays an important role in their lives. And music serves some distinct purposes in our Christian Tradition. How important to you is music in your faith? Why do you think we should sing in worship?

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### Thursday: Joshua 1:9; Matthew 28:19-20

Maria runs back to the Abbey after discovering that she had romantic feelings for Captain Von Trapp. Like Maria, sometimes fear keeps us from pursuing God's plan. As Jesus followers, we cannot let fear keep us from doing God's plan for us. Do you think that fear keeps you from doing something God has called you to do? If so, what is it? How do you overcome fear related to God's plan for you?

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### Friday: Acts 5:17-42

Captain von Trapp and Maria made a choice to sacrifice status, comfort, security, and potentially their own and their children's lives to stand up for what they believe is right. Have you ever compromised your principles in order to fit in with your friends or others?

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## MOVING FORWARD

Like Maria, our task is to do the will of God wholeheartedly. Discovering God's will for our lives requires prayer and Godly council from others. After discovering God's purpose for our lives, we need to do it wholeheartedly and that sometimes requires us to get out of our comfort zones. It also requires us to not compromise our principles. Captain Von Trapp and Maria are good examples as to discerning and doing the will of God.

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*Answers to the sermon notes: IA) five, B) Maria. IIA) calling, B) council, C) pray.  
IIIA) Music. IVA) fear, B) principles.*