



THE WILL OF GOD: WHAT IS IT?

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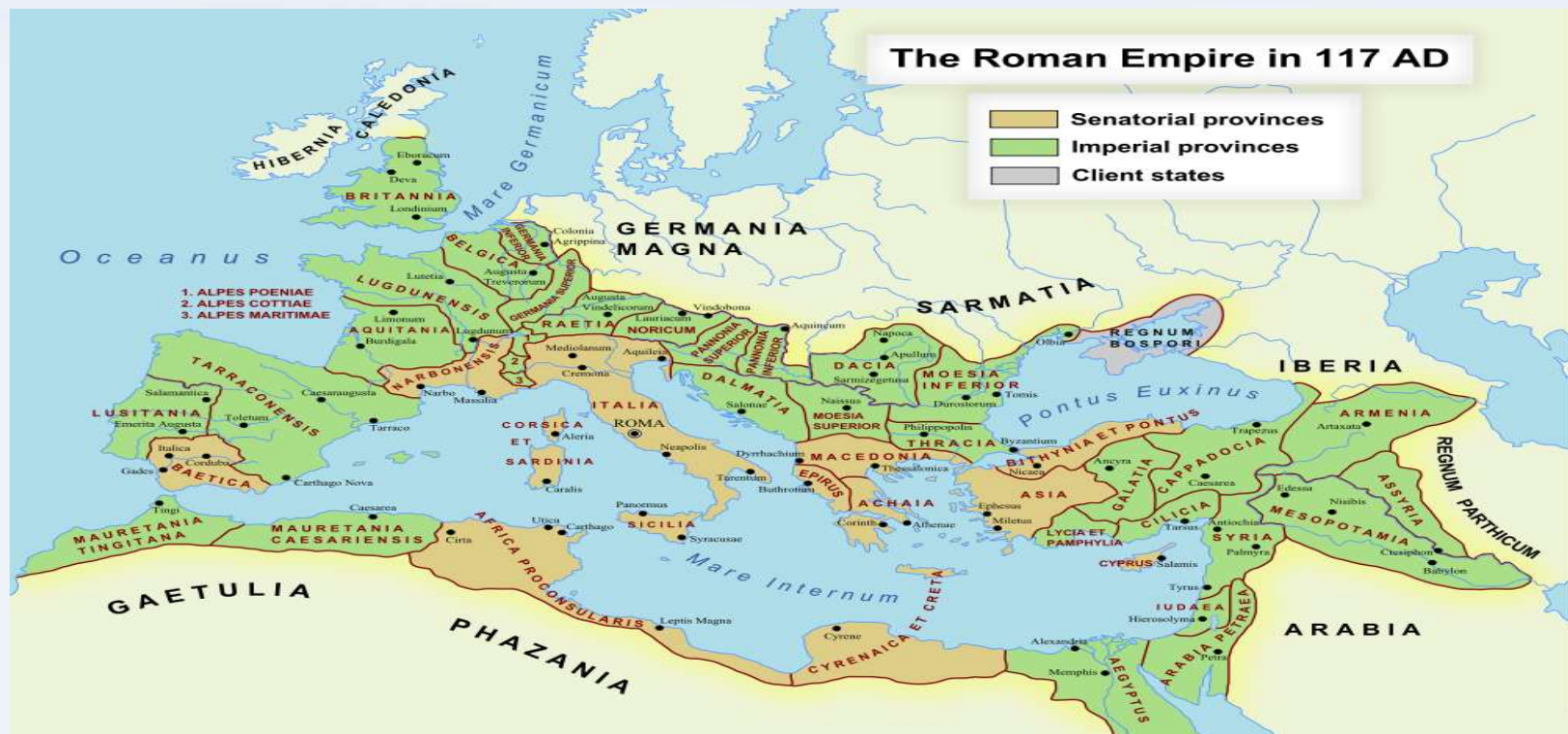
So, what is the Will of God?

Components:

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1. A place to **settle** (down)

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Crete, Greece





Crete:

An island (7.5-36 miles wide, 160 miles long)

In the Mediterranean Sea

Minoan Civilization (2700-1420 BC)

There is always A Crete!

But Paul, I don't like Crete!

**Here is no better than there...
For when you get there, there becomes here!
And then, you start looking for a new there!!!**

Pastor Warren: Where is your favorite place to live?

Find the good – lots of it!

Ignore the...not so good

Adapt, enjoy, find God's goodness!

Pastor, OK...but I just want to go home!

**“You can go back
But you can **never** go home.
Home is **NOT** an **area**
Home is an **era!**”**

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2. Problems to solve!

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This is a key in life.

We do many callings | vocations | functions |
jobs | livings

ALL of them are **about** problems (of some sort)

AND **solving** those problems!

Titus: I left you in Crete to set in order what was left undone!

And, to ordain / appoint Elders in every city.

Thoughts:

See a problem

Solve a problem

Find the “kind of problems” you like to solve!

Do it to the Lord and not as a “work martyr!”

But Paul...

This island is a mess!

They have all kinds of problems!!!

I want a better opportunity!

Titus 1:13 This witness is true. **Wherefore** rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith;

Titus 2:1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

Titus 2:15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

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Titus 2:3 The **aged women** likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

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3. People to **serve!**

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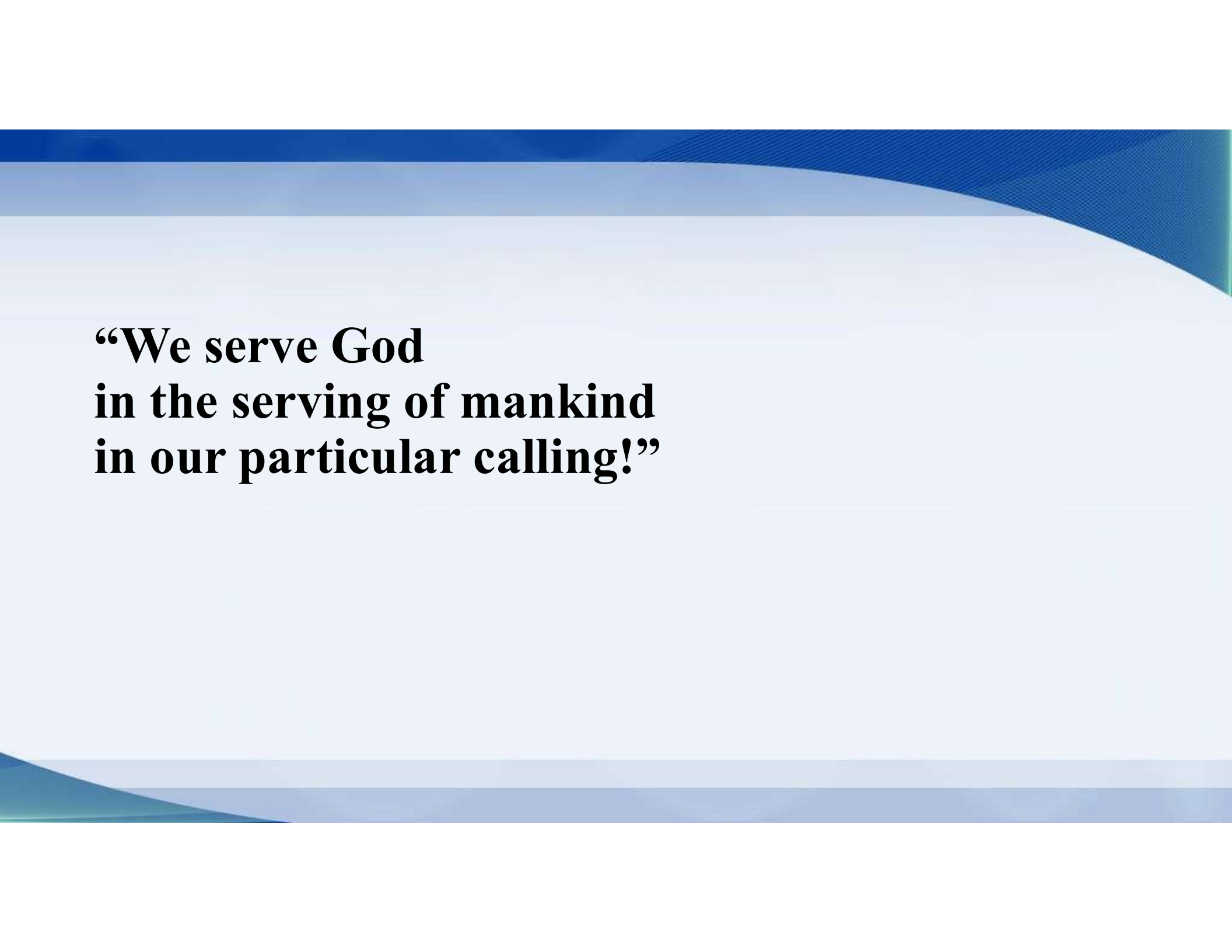
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Not everyone works with people directly...

But *all* serve!

And, all serve *people*...of some kind &/ in some way



**“We serve God
in the serving of mankind
in our particular calling!”**



We serve God in an entire constellation of relationships....