

# ~ God's Will: Driving Factors ~

## Horse's Will

- 3 primary driving Factors
  - 1) Survival/ Self-Preservation
  - 2) Companionship
  - 3) Comfort
- 1 Variable Factor
  - 1) Hormones

## Man's Will

To do a Job

We basically have the same driving factors as our horse does, self-preservation, companionship, and comfort. *Self-preservation* has become the American way, "Look out for number one." From the time we are born, we are selfish and very good at looking after our own needs. It is this self-preservation that keeps our horse from submitting and falling perfectly in our will and it is the same self-preservation (flesh) in us, which keeps us from submitting to God and falling perfectly in His will.

We all seek *companionship* and want to be with someone or something we feel comfortable with. The computer guy that hates people and never leaves his house finds companionship with the computer, and the quiet bachelor cowboy finds companionship with his cows, horse, and dog. Just like riding a colt that has never been weaned from its mother or friends, the companionship we have with our family, friends and even our spouse, can keep us from falling perfectly in God's will. Instead of turning to God for comfort and companionship, we turn to our earthly companions to meet all our needs, keeping us from coming into the fullness of Christ. Like the song says, "We have a friend in Jesus," however we need to be willing to go to Him. I think there are many of us who need to be weaned from our earthly companions, so we can be drawn to our heavenly companion. For our only companion who will **never** let us down and **always** give us comfort, meeting all our needs, is Jesus Christ.

We all want to be *comfortable*, even the people that like to be physically uncomfortable find comfort in that (extreme sports). The people that work themselves to death receive comfort from the work. If they were not trying to kill themselves they would not be comfortable. We are all filled with a void from the time we are born and try to fill this void to satisfy ourselves and make us comfortable. Some people try to fill this void with work, trying to give their life purpose. Others look for comfort in all the wrong places, sleeping around, or looking to drugs. However, ultimately the only place that this void will be truly filled and enable us to find true comfort, is through Jesus Christ.

Men and women are obviously driven by *hormones*. Some might argue that is the only driving factor for some men. I think everything we do can be linked back to the same 3 driving factors.