

The background features a dark, heavily scratched surface. A large, green, textured shape, resembling a leaf or a piece of fabric, is positioned in the center and right. On the left side, a scorpion is depicted in a dark, semi-transparent style, appearing to be on the surface. The text is overlaid on the central part of the image.

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The background of the slide is a composite image. On the left, a brown scorpion is shown on a large, green, textured leaf. On the right, a close-up shows a hand holding a single, reddish-brown scorpion egg. The entire scene is set against a dark, textured background with white scratches.

1. God's Will

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I John 5:14

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