Just because you ask God for something, it does not automatically mean that He will give it to you. Quoting 1 John 5:14-15, He said that you first need to ask according to His will before He hears and gives you what you ask of Him. Of course, you do not intentionally ask for things that are against God's will or Word. However, what is normally implied in the earlier statement is that you don't always know what God's will for you is. Jesus said, "He who has seen Me has seen the Father". (John 14:9) This means that if you want to know what the Father's will is toward you and your family, just look at Jesus in the Gospel stories.

So if your child is sick, is it God's will to heal him / her? Well, look at Jesus and see how He ministered to children who were sick - the Syro-Phoenician's daughter who was demon-possessed (Mark 7:24-30), Jairus' daughter who was dead (Mark 5:22-24, 35-43), and the widow of Nain's only son who had died and was about to be buried. (Luke 7:12-15) Jesus cast out the demon. He raised the dead. He healed them all! So don't say, "I can never know God's will. Sometimes He heals, sometimes He doesn't. He may bless me, but He may also take away my blessings." No! The Jesus of the Bible never made anyone sick. He never made anyone poor. He made the little become much with 12 baskets full of leftovers. (Matthew 14:20) He gave a net-breaking, boat-sinking load of fish to fishermen. (Luke 5:6-7)

The Jesus of the Bible loves to heal, deliver, protect, prosper and save people. This Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. (Hebrews 13:8) He says to you today, "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." So you *can* know God's will for you. You *can* see what He will do for you when you know the Jesus of the Bible, and what He did. Know that God's perfect, sovereign will and timing is in full effect in your life!

John 14:7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."