

MADE FOR MORE



Discovering and Embracing God's Plan for your Life

Jeremiah 29:11 (CSBBible) *For I know the plans I have for you"—this is the LORD's declaration—"plans for your well-being, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.*

Romans 8:28-37 (CEV) ²⁸ *We know that God is always at work for the good of everyone who loves him. They are the ones God has chosen for his purpose, ²⁹ and he has always known who his chosen ones would be. He had decided to let them become like his own Son, so that his Son would be the first of many children. ³⁰ God then accepted the people he had already decided to choose, and he has shared his glory with them. ³¹ What can we say about all this? If God is on our side, can anyone be against us? ³² God did not keep back his own Son, but he gave him for us. If God did this, won't he freely give us everything else? ³³ If God says his chosen ones are acceptable to him, can anyone bring charges against them? ³⁴ Or can anyone condemn them? No indeed! Christ died and was raised to life, and now he is at God's right side, speaking to him for us. ³⁵ Can anything separate us from the love of Christ? Can trouble, suffering, and hard times, or hunger and nakedness, or danger and death? ³⁶ It is exactly as the Scriptures say, "For you we face death all day long. We are like sheep on their way to be butchered." ³⁷ In everything we have won more than a victory because of Christ who loves us.*

1. God has a plan for you personally.
2. You will discover God's plan as you walk in God's plan.
3. Some parts of Gods' plan are universal for all people.
 - a. God wants you to be a member of His family—Salvation
 - b. God wants you to be a model of His character—Discipleship
 - c. God wants you to be a minister of His grace—Ministry
 - d. God wants you to be a messenger of His Word—Evangelism
 - e. God wants you to be a magnifier of His Name—Worship

I. STAND ON GOD'S WORD

- Is there a **sin** for me to forsake?
- Is there any **promise** to claim?
- Is there an **example** for me to follow?
- Is there any **command** for me to obey?
- Is there anything to be **thankful** for today?

What is God's plan for my life?

Regarding my family?

Regarding my friends?

Regarding my community?

Regarding personal success?

What is God's plan for our church?

1. To be a shining influence in our community.
2. To be an encouraging example in this region.
3. To bless with our abundance those in need.
4. We need to be and do the right thing

The Church will only do collectively what individuals do personally.

II. RESIST THE DEVIL

2 Corinthians 2:11 (GW) *I don't want Satan to outwit us. After all, we are not ignorant about Satan's scheming.*

James 4:7-8 (NIV) ⁷ *Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.* ⁸ *Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.*

1. **Devils bag of tools:** (a partial list)

*-deception -discouragement -doubt -offense -intimidation -
arrogance -complacency -inferiority -distraction*

2. Allow his opposition to encourage you.

3. God is for us if we are obeying His Word.

III. REMAIN FAITHFUL

2 Timothy 4:7 (NIV) *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.*

Acts 11:23 (ESV) *When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose,*

1. Be ready to serve the Lord at all times.

2. Obey the Lord completely and joyfully.

3. Do not become weary in doing well but keep your eyes on the prize.
4. Daily renewal of your dependence on God and your commitment to His Will is essential.