

# God Has A Plan

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Today I want to follow up on the Surviving Dream Killers series with one more message...

You may remember that Dreams are... God's purposes, plans, promises, callings and His giftings for your life.

I woke up a couple of weeks ago and The Holy Spirit began speaking this to my heart.

I want to build upon a triune statement (Similar to the triune statement of the Trinity)

God has a PLAN

God has a Plan for ME

God has a GOOD Plan for Me

The first part of the statement ESTABLISHES it

The second PERSONALIZES it

And the third QUALIFIES it

**KEY TEXTS:** (Texts that establish, personalize and qualify the fact that God has a Good Plan for me)

Jeremiah 1:5

5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

Jeremiah 29:11

11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Psalms 32:8 (NLT)

8 The Lord says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

10 For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

## GO AFTER IT

We spend too much time fighting against the plan of God, pursuing our own plans there is a way that seems right proverbs 14:12

### Proverbs 14:12

**12 There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.**

Sometimes I think we are waiting for some big event to unfold or be fulfilled in our lives and think that is the plan of God, but more often than not God's plan for our lives is being fulfilled in the mundane everyday things. It can be right in front of us and we do not realize it.

Some people believe that God doesn't have a good plan for them... Maybe they think they don't deserve it... "He's got a good plan for some people... But I got the crappy plan

I didn't say an easy plan or a pain free plan or a plan without difficulties... It may have all of those things... But it is still a Good plan because it is His plan

Incredible, beautiful, God honoring plan for your life

### From American Underdog (Kurt Warner Story)

*When I was about 12 years old after church this woman comes up to me and says there's something special about you Brenda God's going to do something great with you and I had the audacity to believe her... And that Lady who came up and talked to you at church do you still believe her... I'm trying... I'm a work in progress... (Brenda)*

*"[When] you dive into the Bible, you actually start reading the Bible for the first time in that kind of context, you start to realize, 'Oh shoot, I had this mixed up, that God's not just here for me that the goal is that I'm here for him. I'm here to give my life for him as Jesus did for me.' And it started to become real. I started to understand and take a different perspective on what life was all about." (Kurt)*

*"We look back now and we're so grateful that God's plan was better than our plan," Warner said. "Even though we didn't see it for a long time. He's always there for me no matter what the circumstances are, no matter if it's the highs or lows, the goods and the bads, He's with me through all of them." (Kurt)*

## HOW?

### **BELIEVE It**

(Help my unbelief)

Even if we can't see it

Even if we don't understand it

Even though the enemy might try to destroy it (Sometimes I think the enemy believes in God's plan for our lives more than we do)

Even though it may take a long time to get there

Even when there are twists and turns along the way

It's not as important that you know the details, though God may reveal that to you, as you know that He has a plan... Have the audacity (fearless, boldness) to believe it.

Whatever you do **WORK AT IT** (Strive for it, put effort into it, do what you can)

### **Jeremiah 29:13**

**<sup>13</sup> You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.**

Remember It's not just an event or an end goal... It was God's plan that Joseph...

It all comes down to **TRUST**

- the sovereignty of God
- there is nothing (good or bad) that comes into our lives that takes God by surprise.
- God knows the beginning from the end and is able to use all things for his good (his plan).
- Our goal should be to live for him and obediently walk in the plan he has formed for our life
- When we truly understand this we will be able to spend less time worrying about how the plan is not working out and more time being thankful and enjoying the fact that God is working His plan out in our lives

### **Psalm 33:11**

**11 But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.**

Deuteronomy 31:8

8 The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”

Proverbs 19:21

21 Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.

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**Illustration:** Road To Jerome

**Illustration:** Voice In The Storm

Walk in **RIGHTEOUSNESS**

Psalm 37:4

4 Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 37:23

23 The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him;

Asa - Great, Great Grandson of David

2 Chronicles 14:2-4

2 Asa did what was good and right in the eyes of the Lord his God. 3 He removed the foreign altars and the high places, smashed the sacred stones and cut down the Asherah poles. 4 He commanded Judah to seek the Lord, the God of their ancestors, and to obey his laws and commands.

2 Chronicles 14:11 (When faced with battling the Cushites and army of thousands upon thousands)

11 Then Asa called to the Lord his God and said, “Lord, there is no one like you to help the powerless against the mighty. Help us, Lord our God, for we rely on you, and in your name we have come against this vast army. Lord, you are our God; do not let mere mortals prevail against you.”

2 Chronicles 15:1-2, 7-9, 12, 15, 17

15 The Spirit of God came on Azariah son of Oded. 2 He went out to meet Asa and said to him, "Listen to me, Asa and all Judah and Benjamin. The Lord is with you when you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you.

7 But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded."

8 When Asa heard these words and the prophecy of Azariah son of Oded the prophet, he took courage. He removed the detestable idols from the whole land of Judah and Benjamin and from the towns he had captured in the hills of Ephraim. He repaired the altar of the Lord that was in front of the portico of the Lord's temple.

9 Then he assembled all Judah and Benjamin and the people from Ephraim, Manasseh and Simeon who had settled among them, for large numbers had come over to him from Israel when they saw that the Lord his God was with him.

12 They entered into a covenant to seek the Lord, the God of their ancestors, with all their heart and soul.

15 All Judah rejoiced about the oath because they had sworn it wholeheartedly. They sought God eagerly, and he was found by them...

17 ...Asa's heart was fully committed to the Lord all his life.