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Key verses for this message:

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.

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.

Hebrews 12:1 (NLT)

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

Romans 8:14 (NLT)

Have you ever asked yourself one of the following questions (consider each of the following): "Am I doing what I was created to do?" "Am I in the place God wants me to be?" "Where do I go from here, and what am I supposed to be doing now?"

God desires that we fulfill the things that He has planned (created) us to do. God desires that we run the race He has set before us. Being led by the Holy Spirit is a benefit of being a child of God.

<u>Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)</u> For I know the plans I have for you, " says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and hope."

When you read Jeremiah 29:11, do you think of "future and hope" as heaven when you die? Read Psalm 84:14 and Psalm 73:24. How does David's understanding of God's plan and hope differ from your own? Does God's plan always lead you through times of peace, blessing, and comfort?

Acts 20:22-24 (NLT)

And now I am bound by the Spirit to go to Jerusalem. I don't know what awaits me, except that the Holy Spirit tells me in city after city that jail and suffering lie ahead. But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.

What did the Holy Spirit reveal to Paul about his upcoming journey to Jerusalem? Was that journey God's will for Paul? Why was Paul willing to endure "jail and suffering" for the Lord?

There are times when God's will for us requires sacrifice and discomfort. Often it is not God's will for us to take a cut or appear to go backwards. But we cannot automatically assume it's God's will simply because it looks better and easier. And we cannot automatically assume it isn't God's will because it doesn't improve our present situation.

John 16:13 (NLT)

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future.

Our intimacy with God determines the depth of our revelation from God.

Has God ever revealed anything to you about your future? Do you find it easier to listen and follow the Holy Spirit's promptings, or do you tend to establish your plans and then ask God to bless them?

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

POINTS TO REMEMBER:

- 1) Always remember, God has a specific plan for our life; and that plan never ends. But at times, God's plan requires sacrifice, and it brings discomfort.
- 2) Just because God has a plan for our life, doesn't mean we will automatically walk in it, we have a part to play. God will graciously lead, but we must willingly follow.