



It's About Time to: Connect to God's Plan!

We are in a series called 'It's About Time, Don't Be Late.' Many of us believe we are serving Jesus, but do we really know what His plan is? Today, I'll ask the question Are you Connected to God's plan? If not, It's About Time you did!

Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Ephesians 5:16



It's About Time to: Become AWARE of God's Plan

In Mark 5, Jesus reveals a plan to a desperate man.

Then a leader of the local synagogue, whose name was Jairus, arrived. When he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet, ²³ pleading fervently with Him. "My little daughter is dying," he said. "Please come and lay your hands on her; heal her so she can live."

Mark 5:22-23

To be aware of God's plan, we must talk to Him.

Jesus went with him, and all the people followed, crowding around him. Mark 5:24

God's plan is healing the daughter. On the way, a woman grabs Him.

Woman with issue of bleeding. Hem of the garment. But I'm waiting. Delay doesn't mean denial. 12 years, go, your faith has healed you.

While he was still speaking to her, messengers arrived from the home of Jairus, the leader of the synagogue. They told him, “Your daughter is dead. There’s no use troubling the Teacher now.” Mark 5:35

When it seems like hope is lost, Connect to His Plan.

But Jesus overheard them and said to Jairus, “Don’t be afraid. **Just have faith.**” Mark 5:36

Jesus says Trust the Plan. When they got home, there were mourners. Jesus puts them out and tells the little girl to get up!

And the girl, who was twelve years old, immediately stood up and walked around! They were overwhelmed and totally amazed. Mark 5:42

His plan hadn’t changed even when it looked like all was lost.

When STORMS COME, **It’s About Time to:** **Reconnect to God’s Plan**

Then Jesus got into the boat and started across the lake with His disciples. ²⁴ **Suddenly**, a fierce storm struck the lake, with waves breaking into the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. Matthew 8:23-24

Have you ever felt like Jesus was asleep when you needed Him?

The disciples went and woke Him up, shouting, “Lord, save us! We’re going to drown!” Matthew 8:25

The Plan hadn’t changed. He was there with them! Why are you afraid?

Jesus responded, “Why are you afraid? You have so little faith!” Then He got up and rebuked the wind and waves, and suddenly there was a great calm. Matthew 8:26

We love to preach on how He calmed the storm, but he rebuked them 1st.

Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that His disciples get back into the boat and head across the lake to Bethsaida, while He sent the people home. ⁴⁶ After telling everyone good-bye, He went up into the hills by Himself to pray. Mark 6:45-46

Look here’s my plan...Later that night they were In the boat

He saw that they were in **serious trouble**, rowing hard and **struggling** against the wind and waves. Mark 6:48a

**He sees you in serious trouble, struggling, when you can't see Him.
Reconnect to His plan.**

About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. **He intended to go past them**, Mark 6:48

I heard someone say, the plan hadn't changed! I told you I'd meet you.

But when they saw Him walking on the water, they cried out in terror, thinking He was a ghost. Mark 6:49

We're so ready to believe in ghosts, but not His plan!

Jesus said, Don't be afraid, I'm here. He calmed the storm.

On the other side of the storm was still His plan!

What has God asked you to do but you're too focused on your storm?

But the Lord's plans stand firm forever; His intentions can never be shaken. Psalm 33:11

He hasn't changed His mind about you! Will you trust His Plan?

My Next Steps, To Learn God's Plan:

- ☐ Give God the First 15 Minutes of Your Day
- ☐ Give God the First Day of the Week

It's About Time to: Put God First in Your Finances

A Rich Young Ruler asked Jesus what to do to have eternal life.

Jesus replied keep the commandments.

I've obeyed all these commandments," the young man replied.
"What else must I do?" Matthew 19:20

The man knew He still lacked something. Religion didn't help.

Jesus told him, "If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. **Then come, follow me.**" Matthew 19:21

Jesus said, "I've got a plan for you but you won't like it."

But when the young man heard this, he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Matthew 19:22

His possessions possessed him.

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