

It's All Turning for Good

What if every attack against you, every mistake you've made, and every plan the enemy has formed was already accounted for by God before it ever happened? That's not wishful thinking. That's the nature of who God is.

God's Plan for Your Life Is Abundance, Not Just Survival

The Lord is not a God of barely enough. He is a God of overflow. Jesus made this plain in John 10:10: "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

The children of Israel had an eleven-day journey from Egypt to the Promised Land. It took forty years because of unbelief. The wilderness was never the destination. It was a passage. And the same is true for anyone going through a season of lack right now. It is not meant to be permanent.

God's design is for His people to have more than enough, not just for themselves, but so they can be a blessing to others. The church was never meant to be known for barely getting by. It was meant to overflow into the world around it.

What Does It Mean That God Sees Ahead?

In Genesis, God revealed Himself to Abraham as Jehovah Jireh. In Hebrew, this means the Lord who sees ahead and provides. That is not just a name. It is a description of how God operates in your life.

In Daniel chapter 11, an angel came to Daniel and laid out the future in remarkable detail. Kings who had not yet risen, kingdoms that had not yet formed, and rulers who had not yet been born were all described with precision. God already had the whole story written out.

"But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory." - 1 Corinthians 2:7

God's playbook is hidden from the enemy. The devil's plans are not hidden from God. That is the advantage. God sees what the enemy is scheming and has already prepared a counter-plan before the attack is ever launched.

Does God Cause Bad Things to Happen to Teach You a Lesson?

This is one of the most common misunderstandings about God. He is not a troublemaker. He is a problem solver.

People often say things like, "God allowed this tragedy to teach me something," or "God caused this hardship to humble me." But God does not need to manufacture problems. People are quite capable of creating their own messes, and the enemy is actively working to steal, kill, and destroy.

What God does is step into the mess, whether it was caused by your own choices or by the enemy's schemes, and He turns it around. He had a plan of redemption before you ever made the mistake. He saw it coming and already prepared the way out.

"For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him." - Matthew 6:8

The Devil's Plans Always Backfire

In Ephesians 6:11, Paul writes: "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." The word "wiles" can also be translated as settled plans or schemings. The enemy has a strategy for your life. But God already knows that strategy and has already prepared the response.

"Whoever digs a pit will fall into it, and he who rolls a stone will have it rolled back on him." - Proverbs 26:27

"They have dug a pit before me; into the midst of it they themselves have fallen." - Psalm 57:6

The cross is the greatest example of this. Satan thought crucifying Jesus was His greatest victory. He had no idea a resurrection was coming. He did not know that God had already legally secured the right to raise Jesus from the dead through Abraham's faith. What looked like the enemy's greatest triumph became his greatest defeat. Jesus came out of it with more authority than He had before.

What Joseph's Story Teaches Us About God's Foreknowledge

Joseph made real mistakes. He was prideful. He antagonized his already jealous brothers. He put himself in compromising situations. And those choices had consequences. He ended up in a pit, then in slavery, then in prison.

But God had already given Joseph a dream. He already saw where the story was going. And through every low point, God was working. Joseph went from prison to palace and became one of the most powerful rulers in the known world.

"But as for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive." - Genesis 50:20

God did not cause Joseph's brothers to betray Him. But He used it. He turned it. And the very things meant to destroy Joseph became the path to his promotion.

The Story of Esther and Haman: When the Enemy's Plan Backfires

Haman had a detailed plan to destroy Mordecai and all the Jewish people. He built gallows specifically to hang Mordecai. He had a decree ready to wipe out an entire people group.

But God had already seen it. On the very night Haman was preparing to execute his plan, the king could not sleep. He called for the royal records to be read to him and landed on the account of Mordecai exposing an assassination plot years earlier. The king realized Mordecai had never been honored for it.

The next morning, Haman walked in to request Mordecai's execution and instead was commanded to parade Mordecai through the city and honor him publicly. Haman was eventually executed on the very gallows he had built for Mordecai. And the Jewish people, instead of being destroyed, were delivered and celebrated.

What was meant to be a day of mourning became a day of feasting, gifts, and joy celebrated every year.

How Should You Respond When Trouble Comes?

The natural response to trouble is panic. But faith responds differently. Faith knows that God already saw this coming. Faith knows He already has a plan in place.

"No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it." - 1 Corinthians 10:13

When something unexpected hits, the first thought should be: God already knew this was coming. Which means He already has a way through it. That is not denial. That is faith in the foreknowledge of God.

If you played a role in creating the problem, the first step is humility and repentance. Then you position yourself to hear from the Coach. God will show you which way to go, even if it goes against your natural instincts or reasoning.

Are You Sensitive to the Holy Spirit's Leading?

Before September 11, 2001, pastor David Wilkerson felt a strong prompting from the Holy Spirit to have His church make thousands of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. It made no sense at the time. But when the tragedy struck, his church was ready to feed the workers and people at Ground Zero.

God had already seen it. He was already moving people into position. Some people listened. Some did not. The difference was sensitivity to the Spirit.

Even animals sense danger before it arrives. How much more should believers, filled with the Holy Spirit, be tuned in to the leading of God? Stubbornness, pride, and a hard heart block that sensitivity. Humility and faith open it.

Faith Lives in a State of Expectancy

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life." - Psalm 23:6

Instead of dreading what is coming around the corner, faith gets excited about it. Goodness is what is coming next. God-sized goodness. That is what follows the person who trusts in the Lord as their shepherd.

God has plans for your life that are exceedingly, abundantly above all you can ask or think. He is not just trying to get you through. He is trying to get you into overflow, into abundance, into a life where you are so blessed that there is no room left for the enemy's curses to take hold.

Life Application

This week, when something goes wrong or feels out of control, stop before you react in panic or frustration. Instead, say out loud: "God already knew this was coming. He already has a plan." Then take a moment to get quiet and ask Him what to do next rather than running on instinct or fear.

If you have made mistakes that contributed to your current situation, bring them to God honestly. Repent, receive His mercy, and trust that He is already working to turn it around. His foreknowledge covers your failures too.

Ask yourself these questions this week:

- Am I reacting to my circumstances out of fear, or am I responding out of faith in God's foreknowledge?
- Is there an area of my life where I have been blaming God for trouble He did not cause, and how does that change how I approach Him?
- What would it look like for me to genuinely trust that what the enemy means for evil in my life is already being turned for my good?
- Am I sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading, or have I been too stubborn, distracted, or self-reliant to hear His direction?

God is not caught off guard by anything you are facing. He is Jehovah Jireh. He sees ahead and He provides. Get in faith about that this week and watch what He does.

Quotes

1. God is not the God of just enough—He is the God of overflow.
2. If the Lord is your Shepherd, you shall not want.
3. I'm passing through just enough and heading into more than enough.

4. God wants to bring you into a wealthy place—a place of joy and more than enough.
5. I'm too blessed to be cursed.
6. God is not a troublemaker; He is a problem solver.
7. Jehovah Jireh is the God who sees ahead and provides.
8. God knew what you would need before you ever knew you needed it.
9. Whatever the devil means for evil, God can turn for good.
10. God has hidden plans for your life—not hidden from you, but hidden for you.
11. Had they known, they would never have crucified the Lord of glory.
12. What the devil meant for evil turned out bad for him and good for us.
13. When evil is being plotted against you, expect God to turn it for your good.
14. You meant it for evil, but God turned it for good.
15. The one who digs the pit will fall into it, and the stone they roll will roll back on them.
16. God is turning your mourning into rejoicing and your situation around for good.
17. God has already seen ahead, made the plan, and prepared the way.
18. Never accuse God of being the troublemaker—He is the problem solver.
19. God already has it figured out and mapped out.
20. You are too blessed and too overwhelmed with God's goodness to live expecting defeat.

Verses

1. Psalm 23:1
2. John 10:10
3. Ephesians 6:11
4. Daniel 11:1-3
5. Matthew 6:8
6. Genesis 50:20
7. 1 Corinthians 2:7-8
8. 1 Corinthians 10:13
9. Proverbs 26:27
10. Psalm 7:15

Summary

God is not caught off guard by anything you are facing. He is Jehovah Jireh, the God who sees ahead and provides, and He already has a plan to bring good out of whatever the enemy has meant for harm. Just as Joseph was thrown into a pit before being elevated to a place of purpose, the attacks and setbacks in your life do not disqualify you from God's plan. They are often the very path that leads you into it. God did not cause your trouble, but He absolutely has a counter-plan prepared for it. The cross itself is the greatest example of this truth. What the enemy intended as the ultimate defeat became the ultimate victory for all of humanity. You can face every unexpected challenge with faith instead of fear, knowing that God already saw it coming and already made a way through it.