

# Discovering God's specific plan

## Questions

- Do you know God's specific plan for your life?
- If God has a plan, why is all this stuff happening to me?
- When did you discover God's plan for your life?
- What is it?

## Have you discovered God's plan for your life, really?

God has a wonderful plan for your life, but life does not automatically become wonderful just because God has a plan.

**Power Point: God's plan must be discovered, believed, received, and obeyed.**

**David said:**

**Psalm 139:16 KJV**

*"Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them."*

**Jeremiah also heard God say:**

**Jeremiah 1:5 KJV**

*"Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee..."*

God knew you before people noticed you. God had purpose before you had problems. God had a plan before the enemy started trying to distract, damage, and detour your life.

## General will of God

**1 Thessalonians 4:4 KJVS**

That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

**Luke 18:1 KJVS**

Men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

**James 1:22 KJVS**

Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only

**Ephesians 5:22 KJVS**

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

**Ephesians 5:25 KJVS**

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; we

**Are you called to the marketplace, military, medical, full-time ministry, educator, etc.?**

## **1. God's plan starts with relationship**

God's plan for your life does not begin with a job, title, platform, money, or position. It begins with coming back to Him through Jesus Christ.

### **John 14:6 KJV**

*"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."*

Sin separated mankind from God, but Jesus came to bring us back.

### **Romans 5:8 KJV**

*"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."*

### **Ephesians 2:10 NLT**

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.

### **Philippians 4:6 NLT**

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done

Before you can fully discover God's specific plan, you must first receive God's Son. Purpose begins at the cross.

## **Never put your making a living or your important stuff before God's plan**

### **Psalms 92:13-14 KJVS**

Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. [14] They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;

### **Matthew 6:33 NLT**

Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

### **Luke 9:57-62 KJVS**

And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. [58] And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head. Stay focused. Love of security

[59] And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. Love for money (inheritance)

[60] Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.

[61] And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house. Love of relationships

[62] And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit (useful) for the kingdom of God.

**Love of security, love for money, and love for relationships stop people from following God's specific plan for them**

## **2. A terrible life does not mean God had no plan**

Many people ask, "If God had a plan for me, why has my life been so painful?"

Pain does not prove God had no plan. Pain proves we live in a fallen world where the enemy attacks, people make choices, and many are pulled away from God's design.

Eve had a place, a purpose, a covering, and a command. But the enemy came with deception.

### **Genesis 3:1 KJV**

*"Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made..."*

The enemy did not begin by stealing fruit. He began by attacking the Word, the mind, and the focus.

### **That is still his strategy today.**

- He distracts people from God's Word.
- He deceives people about God's goodness.
- He damages identity.
- He pulls people into decisions that produce bondage.

The good news is even when mankind fell, God still had a redemption plan.

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### **3. The enemy wants to detour you from destiny**

**Jesus said:**

#### **John 10:10 KJV**

*"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy..."*

The enemy wants to steal your identity, kill your faith, and destroy your future. But Jesus did not stop there.

#### **John 10:10 KJV**

*"...I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."*

The enemy may have had a plan to destroy you, but Jesus has power to restore you.

Your past may explain some things, but it does not have to control the next thing.

#### **4. God's plan must be discovered**

God's plan is not discovered by just living randomly. It is discovered through surrender, prayer, Scripture, obedience, and walking with the Holy Spirit.

##### **Romans 12:1-2 KJV**

*"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice... And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind..."*

You discover God's will when you stop letting the world shape you and start letting the Word transform you.

You cannot follow God's plan with the world's mindset.

#### **5. God's plan is good, but it requires faith**

##### **Jeremiah 29:11 KJV**

*"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil..."*

God's thoughts toward you are not evil. His plan is not to destroy you. His plan is to bring you into purpose, peace, growth, and fruitfulness.

#### **Faith is necessary to activate the plan**

##### **Hebrews 11:6 KJV**

*"But without faith it is impossible to please him..."*

Faith says, "God, I trust You more than I trust my pain. I trust Your Word more than my past. I trust Your plan more than my feelings."

#### **6. Jesus restores broken purpose**

Peter failed. David failed. Paul had a painful past. The woman at the well had broken relationships. The prodigal son wasted his inheritance.

But God restored purpose.

#### **Power Point: Your failure is not final when you come back to the Father.**

##### **Luke 15:20 KJV**

*"And he arose, and came to his father..."*

That is where purpose starts again: "He arose."

- Arise from regret.
- Arise from shame.
- Arise from confusion.

- Arise from sin.
- Arise from excuses.
- Arise and come back to the Father.

## 7. Have you discovered God's plan, really?

### This is the real question.

- Not, "Do you go to church?"
- Not, "Do you believe God exists?"
- Not, "Are you busy?"
- Not, "Are you gifted?"

Have you surrendered your life to Jesus and started walking in God's purpose?

### Proverbs 3:5-6 KJV

*"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."*

God directs surrendered people.

### Practical application

#### Ask yourself:

- What has distracted me from God's plan?
- What pain have I allowed to define me?
- What lie have I believed about myself?
- What step of obedience have I delayed?
- Have I truly come back to Jesus with my whole heart?

God's plan is not lost. It may have been delayed, ignored, or attacked, but it is not destroyed.

### Faith action steps

- Come back to God through faith in Jesus Christ.
- Repent of anything pulling you away from God's will.
- Renew your mind daily with the Word of God.
- Pray and ask God to reveal your next step.
- Obey the last instruction God gave you.
- Get connected to godly discipleship and accountability.
- Use your gifts to serve others.

### Declarations

- God knew me before I was formed.
- God had purpose for me before pain touched me.

- My past will not cancel God's plan.
- Through Jesus Christ, I am coming back to the Father.
- I will discover, believe, and obey God's plan for my life.
- My life is not over.
- God is still working in me.
- I will walk in purpose by faith.

### **Discussion questions**

1. Why do people sometimes question God's plan when life has been painful?
2. How did the enemy distract Eve from God's Word and plan?
3. What are some distractions people face today?
4. Why must relationship with Jesus come before discovering purpose?
5. What is one step you need to take to come back into alignment with God's plan?