

Everything doesn't happen for a reason, everything happens for God's reason.¹

For everything to have a purpose under heaven, there must be a plan. And for everything to be a part of plan, there must be a planner.

Only God can make sense out of life.

God's plan for our world includes times and seasons, and so does His plan for your life.

1. You don't determine the purpose for your suffering or difficulty, God does.
2. You are called to rejoice in the various trials that you face
3. You are called to persevere to the end
4. You trust God with the end

God is sovereign, meaning that all things have come to be and happen according to His power and authority.

Enjoying what you have requires trusting in the sovereignty of God, and you cannot trust in the sovereignty of God without trusting in Jesus Christ.

1. He was and is the plan from the beginning
Ephesians 1:3–14

2. He commands the winds and waves
Luke 8:22–25

3. His death, burial, and resurrection, were appointed
Hebrews 9:26–28

4. He calls his followers to trust him to the point of forsaking everything...
Matthew 8:18–22

5. He sends his church out to experience suffering, and promises to preserve them in the fire.
Luke 10:1–12, John 17:12–19

Life only makes sense through Jesus Christ, and He has freed you from sin to live under His rule

1. Live in the freedom of Christ to say yes to what God has for you
2. Live in the freedom of Christ to say no to your sin, self, others, and the world
3. Live in the freedom of Christ to serve others and not yourself
4. Live in the freedom of Christ to laugh and to mourn

¹ <https://www.ligonier.org/learn/devotionals/time-everything>

5. Live in the freedom of Christ to be content and enjoy what God has given you
6. Live in the freedom of Christ with a loose grip on this world and a firm grip on your faith and the future God has for you.