

GOD'S GOOD PLANS FOR YOU

Jeremiah 29:11 "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 a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)

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Jeremiah 29:10-11 "This is what the Lord says," Jeremiah continued. "You will be in Babylon for seventy years. But then I will come and do for you all the good things I have promised, and I will bring you home again. For I know the plans I have for you..."

Today is no more indicative of what tomorrow holds....than yesterday was indicative of what today holds.

So what do I do to THRIVE while I WAIT???

Fear Not/Stand Strong

- Because it's Commanded/Encouraged

2 Chronicles 15:7 But as for you, **be strong and courageous**, for your work will be rewarded."

Isaiah 41:10 **Don't be afraid**, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.

1 Corinthians 16:13 Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous.[a] Be strong.

- Because We Are Never Alone

Hebrews 13:5 Don't love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, "I will never fail you. I will never abandon you."

- Because We are HIS:

Isaiah 43:1 "Don't fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine."

Is that still true today? YES

1 John 3:1 See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!

Trust God (You CAN!) And Never Give Up

- Because God's Got This (No matter what "this" is!)

Mark 10:27 Jesus looked at them intently and said, "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But not with God. Everything is possible with God."

Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes everything/all things to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Psalms 37:24 Though they stumble, they will never fall, for the Lord holds them by the hand.

Hebrews 12:1-3 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. 2 We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. 3 Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up.

Galatians 6:9 So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

I DO play a role:

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1) I Persevere:

Philippians 3:12 I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. 13 No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it,[b] but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

Philippians 4:13 For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

Psalms 37: 23 The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. 24 Though they stumble, **they will never fall**, for the Lord holds them by the hand.

2) I Choose To Trust and Continue Seeking

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. 6 **Seek** his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

3) I wait

Isaiah 40:31 But those who trust in/wait for the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

God's Plan Regarding Your Future

- The Lord promises that one day you will be with him.

In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. (John 14:2-3)

- **The Lord promises that one day his work in you will be complete.**

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:6)

- **The Lord promises that one day you will be like Jesus.**

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. (1 John 3:2)

- **The Lord promises that one day you will see his face.**

No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. (Revelation 22:3-5)

- **The Lord promises that one day he will wipe away every tear from your eyes.**

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away. (Revelation 21:4)