

## Daily Devotional, January 6, 2020 The Best Laid Plans

***“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “Plans to prosper you, and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart”*** Jeremiah 29:11-13

Do you know why you were born? That’s kind of a big, loaded question, isn’t it? Yet it is a question that all of us must answer if we want to ultimately hear, “Well done, good and faithful servant”, when we get to Heaven.

I think it is more than that, too. We know that our lives will be the happiest, most fulfilling, most joy-filled that they can be when we are doing what we were *made* to do. God put a purpose inside of each and every one of us and nothing else will satisfy us the same way as doing what we were created to do in a loving relationship with our Creator.

Yet there are two things that tend to always stand in our way. First, doubt stands in our way. We have to get in the practice of doubting our doubts and believing our beliefs. Don’t let anything try to convince you in ways that are contrary to the Word of God. Second, ignorance stands in our way. If we do not know God’s plan for our lives, then we cannot walk in it.

How do you overcome these obstacles? The obvious solution for the first one is spending time in the Word of God. Nothing settles the doubt in our minds quicker than searching out God’s promises in God’s Word. The answer to the second problem, however, is slightly different.

We have to *seek God*. And not just some half-hearted, whenever I can get around to it, when it’s convenient and doesn’t cost me anything to do it kind of seeking Him. No. You have to earnestly *seek God with your whole heart!*

Note that God says we are to do this kind of seeking through prayer. Have you prayed like this? Or are all your prayers no more than food-blessings and bedtime-type prayers? Not that I am dissing these prayers for they are all important. All that I am saying is that we need to look at the promise God makes to us when we seek Him this way: ***We will find Him!*** Have you ever prayed until you *found God*?

What this tells us is that God has to come first. *What God thinks about your life has to be more important to you than anything else.* You must have the mindset that says you will live, not by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

When you seek God in God’s Word, it is then that you will discover God’s wonderful plans for your life; it is then that you will begin to live out the reason you were born. What an incredible moment that will be!

***Prayer: Most Gracious God, thank You for Your wonderful plans for my life. I choose to seek You with all my heart. Help me to seek and find You, and to discover the reason You have created me. May I live out your perfect plan for me. In the name of Christ our Lord, Amen***