

## **God's Game Plan**

### **Ready:**

"For I know the plans I have for you"—this is the Lord's declaration—"plans for your well-being, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." - [Jeremiah 29:11](#)

### **Set**

Life is a tapestry woven with threads of choices. Each day, we stand at crossroads and the paths we choose shape our lives. Just like an athlete studies a playbook, we need to study God's Word to understand His plan. Some decisions are minor, but others carry significant weight, altering our trajectory. As believers, how do we navigate this maze of options, ensuring our choices align with God's will?

We often believe we're in complete control of our fate, relying on our own strength and strategy. However, just as a team needs a coach, we need God to direct our steps, both on and off the field. We are not adrift in randomness. Our loving Creator has a plan for each of us; a plan far grander than we could imagine. He desires to guide us toward a future filled with purpose.

Consider Esther, a young woman thrust into extraordinary circumstances. She faced a choice: remain silent and safe or risk everything to save her people. Esther chose courage, faith, and obedience. Her decision, guided by God's wisdom, changed history ([Esther 4-5, 8-9](#))

Our choices have ripple effects, impacting not only our lives but also those around us. When we choose kindness, forgiveness and love, we create a positive impact. When we serve others, give generously and live with integrity, we reflect God's character. When we choose good sportsmanship over a win-at-all-costs mentality, when we choose humility in victory and grace in defeat, we demonstrate Christ's spirit.

But how do we discern God's will amid so many options? The answer lies in seeking His guidance through prayer, Scripture, and the counsel of wise believers. It requires surrendering our own desires and trusting that His plan is for our good. Choosing God's path isn't always easy, but it is always rewarding. It may demand sacrifice, perseverance and stepping outside our comfort zone. But in the end, it leads to a life of purpose, fulfillment and eternal significance.

### **Go**

1. Are your choices driven by fear, self-interest, or faith?
2. How can you better seek God's guidance in your daily decisions, both in your sport and in your life?

3. What is one area where you need to surrender your will to God's, trusting His game plan instead of your own?

### **Workout**

Proverbs 16:9; James 1:5; Romans 12:2

### **Overtime**

"Heavenly Father, grant me the wisdom to make choices that honor You. Help me to seek Your guidance in all things. Give me the courage to step out in faith, trusting that Your plan is always best. May my life, both on and off the field, be a reflection of Your love and grace. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen."



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