

Have a Plan

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Ready:

“For I know the plans I have for you...plans for your welfare, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” — Jeremiah 29:11

Set

In 1998 I started a long journey that I had dreamed about for most of my life—running a marathon. I made the commitment to run by registering for the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C. I was set to go but did not start running for a month. Crazy? I had a plan, my own plan. I began reading everything I could about running, or surviving, a marathon. I had never been to Washington, D.C., so I printed the course layout and studied every mile. I visually had a mental picture of each hill and the battles and challenges that were ahead. I started running on May 1 for the October marathon. I mapped out a plan for running, including weekly long runs, proper diet, and rest.

The Bible compares life to a race. Many people go through life without ever committing to running the true race. How about you? Are you ready to make a commitment to follow Jesus as Lord and Savior? Then begin reading the course outline, the Bible. It guides us through every mile—up long hills, around curves, across bridges, and places we never thought of going by following God’s plan for our life. As coaches, we would never go into a game without a game plan. I challenge you to not go through life without a game plan for eternity. I also implore you that once you commit to the game plan, don’t wait to start using the plan for a month or more like I did.

Go

1. Do you have a plan for eternity?
2. Are you ready to make the commitment to ask Jesus to be Lord and Savior of your life?
3. If you have already made a commitment to ask Jesus into your heart, are you willing to follow God’s game plan, the Bible, as you face the challenge of life’s marathon?

Workout

Extra Reading: Exodus 15:2; Proverbs 8:23; Luke 9:23; Romans 3:23–26

Overtime

Master of the universe, I want to serve You with all my heart. Guide me as I search the Scriptures to seek Your plan for my life. May I be a servant leader influencing those You have entrusted to my care. Amen.

Bible Reference:

Romans 3



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