

Here's the Plan

Ready:

"Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." -Proverbs 19:21 (NIV)

Set

As students, we are often asked questions about our future plans. Whether we are asked about our plans for school, the weekend, or even just the afternoon, they generally aren't that hard to answer. "Oh, I'm going to [this university] and participating in [this sport]." Or, "I'm going to chill with some friends tonight."

Recently, though, I found myself answering a question that was a little more serious: "What are your plans for your life?" Man, this question hit me hard! And the reason it struck me so much was because I thought I had my life all figured out. Now, you may be thinking, "Hey, that's great that she has such plans." I thought so too at first, but then I realized that having my life all planned out wasn't that great.

I had figured out where I wanted to go for college, how high I wanted to reach in academics, and what I wanted to pursue in athletics. The problem was that I was so determined to make sure my plans were successful that I wasn't asking the Lord what plans He had for me. In fact, I was completely missing His purposes because I was focused on myself and my own plans. But here's the great thing. One truth about our God is that, even though we are focused on our plans, the His purpose can still prevail! Check out the verse from Proverbs above. Even if we try to live life our way, God is so powerful that He can still get the glory and use us for His Kingdom! Should we ignore Him and go our own way? Absolutely not. That path leads to more obstacles and heartache than we want. But isn't it comforting to know that even if we do miss a step, He can still prevail?

Today, maybe it's time to ask God if the plans you have for your life match up with what He desires for you. If so, keep pressing on! If not, it's time to surrender to His will for your life. Stop telling Him what the plan is and start asking!

Go

1. What are your plans for your life?
2. Are they plans you have made on your own, or have you made them after consulting the Lord through prayer?
3. Are you willing to seek the Lord's will for your life even if it means your personal plans don't match up?

Workout

Psalm 33:11 Proverbs 16:9 Isaiah 29:15 Jeremiah 29:11

Bible Reference:

Jeremiah 29



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