

Your Future and Your Destiny

Jeremiah 29:11

Introduction

Many people feel that they have missed the opportunity in their life to find and live out their destiny. They feel that their destiny is out of their reach because of their own disobedience, lack of information, or experiences outside of their control. Some have chosen, during periods of their lives, to walk away from God or His will and wonder if destiny is still available to them.

Jeremiah 29:11 says, “‘For I know the plans that I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.’”

God still has a plan for you, even if you think you are disqualified. The people of Israel were in a bad situation because of their disobedience. Even so, God had a plan for them. In order for them to experience that plan they simply had to return to an intimate relationship with Him.

So what can you do if you want to reconnect with God’s plan for your life? Re-establish your relationship with God. He is the planner and knows how to “plug you in” to the plan that fits your life even though you’ve made mistakes. God can, at His own discretion, restore you based on where you are in your life and where you are with Him. God is able to reverse the direction of your life and lead you to a destiny as you reconnect with Him.

Getting Started

1. *In your group, highlight each person for a few moments and have the rest of the group offer suggestions about their future based on the qualities that are apparent today.*
2. *How does it feel to know that God’s got our future in His hands? How does it feel to know that God knows all about your future, but that He will not be revealing it completely to you until the time is right for each development.*

Let’s Get Personal

1. *This next phrase has a negative and a positive: “plans for welfare and not for calamity.” Why do you think God included both? We all face difficulties and even tragedies...how are they different from “calamity”?*
2. *How would you describe the dual promise in the last phrase: to give you a future and a hope? What’s the difference between “future” and “hope”?*
3. *Christians often describe their sense of God’s presence in situations as “God showed up.” How has God recently shown up in your life to remind you that your future and hope are in His hands?*
4. *In hindsight, why do you think God has allowed you to go through some very difficult things on the way to your destiny? What does this teach us about the circumstances or hardships we face in our lives?*

Take the Next Step

1. *How would you describe the impact of these Bible lessons on your thought patterns and responses about the present and future over the weeks we have been meeting?*
2. *Just because you’ve had a rough start towards your destiny or maybe even a self-inflicted detour, that doesn’t mean that all is lost. You can still finish well. Your life can be better starting today with God’s help. Share what you desire to do differently, starting today, as you move forward in connecting or reconnecting with God’s plan for your life.*

Renew Your Mind

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