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My Plans...His Purpose



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I fully know that there is nothing magical about January, but it feels like such a fresh start. I love it! I buy a new planner, make a new vision board, and I am full steam ahead. In fact, every first of the month I am energized to make monthly, weekly and daily goals. I make plans about everything, from meals, budgets, family fun time, devotional time, and the list goes on. Don't even get me started on my love for To Do Lists.

You have to understand something about me, I ALWAYS have a plan. Until lately..

I bought the planner, the vision board and sat down and nothing... Nothing came. Lord, what's the plan for 2019? No answer. Lord, I've never been in this new place - How do I ensure success in this new territory? Silence. Ok. Now what. Whelp, it seems I am moving into new 2019 territory without a detailed plan. Do you know what happens when you aren't sure where you are going? You ask for directions.

Proverbs 16:9 "The mind of man plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps."

Proverbs 19:21 "Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails."

All this means is that there is good news! Even when you don't know what to do next the Lord will lead you and His purpose always succeeds. Think of it this way - All those plans we have are good, but ours are in pencil, His are in pen. Not having all the details can be super frustrating, but sometimes God only gives us the information we can handle. What do I do in the meantime?

2 Corinthians 5:9

Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.

Even though I don't know the plan – I can still have a goal.

John 16:13 "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

More good news! We have a personal God guide, that John 16:13 says WILL SPEAK whatever He hears. Our part is to listen. The Holy Spirit is our internal GPS but this one is never wrong and this navigator updates continually. If you are in a season like I am where you aren't sure of the steps to take, stay close to the Word of God, and let's move in sync with what the Holy Spirit tells us one God led step at a time.

Decide with me, that we don't have time to take shortcuts, or go on detours making plans without God. We take it turn by turn and step by step. No plan – no problem! I have my God, my Guide, and a laser focused goal – to please Him and Him only. 2019 lets go!

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In 2009, Karen received a life changing opportunity that realigned her passion with her purpose. Her perspective and blueprint to living "as if" even in the midst of "what if" is a message of hope and a challenge for us all to live on purpose.

THIS MONTH'S VERSE FOR MEMORY/MEDITATION:

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

2 Corinthians 5:17

JANUARY PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for those in pursuit of a mentoring partnership. May God guide you in the pursuit of development of your spiritual identity. So that you may be equipped to bring God's Word into dialogue with the life of the community in which you encounter.
