



God has a plan for you

Good morning church, I want to welcome you to our service today. If this is your first time joining us here on Sunday Online, we would like to welcome, you to our service today and invite you to join us every Sunday for a weekly message.

Let us pray

Introduction

Many of us live life without realising that we have a higher purpose in life and that God has a specific plan for our lives.

Sadly, many of us think that when we have submitted our lives to Jesus Christ, and when we accepted Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour of our lives and that His death on the Cross of Calvary that paid the full price for our sin that this all that God's plan is for our lives.

We live good, clean lives, we follow Jesus by doing the right things like going to church, reading our Bible and praying we think that we have somehow made it and that is all that God wants from us.

And we are so wrong, to think this way. These "steps" are most important for a new Christian, but God has so much more in store for our lives and this is exactly what He says in **Jeremiah 29:11-14^a** *"¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you," declares the LORD"*

God has plans for you! Did you know that? In your daily life, God has specific things He wants you to do and specific places you should be and people who God wants you to meet and talk to them about Him and to reconcile them, through Jesus Christ to God and you are that instrument that God wants to use! Did you know that? That is amazing when I first heard that God has plans for me and my life and that these plans are specific and that only I can do that change my whole outlook on life, how I see people, how I discipline my life to read the Word of God and most importantly that I actually go out and reach those people God wants me to reach.

And I have news for you, God has these same plans for you too! Money is not an issue, time is not an issue, the ability is not an issue, the only issue is will you go or not?

Will you go and do what God is calling you to do and to reach those people and to run your own race than only you were created to run and to do since the day He created you and knew you in your mother's womb.

There are many scriptures that say that God knew us before we were born, **Jeremiah 1:5** say *"⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew^[a] you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."*

Other scriptures are:

- **Psalms 71:6** – He took you from your mother's womb



- **Psalm 133:14-16** – God knit you together in your mother’s womb and wrote out what you would do
- **Isaiah 44:24** – God formed you in your mother’s womb
- **Isaiah 49:15** – As a mother cannot forget her child so God will not forget you
- **Galatians 1:15** – God set the Apostle apart before he was born

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So, if God has a plan for you, don’t you think it is about time you start to find out what that plan is?

If we do not know what God’s plan is how will we ever know what to do in the race of life? Did you know you are running a race that only you can run and if you run it well you will get rewarded?

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 says *“²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. ²⁶ Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. ²⁷ No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.”*

For the above verses we can take away the following nuggets

- In a normal race, everyone participates but there is only one winner
- Each athlete prepares and trains hard to participate and win the prize
- But they do it for a crown that will eventually fade away.
- As a Christian, we run our own race
- When we run our own race well, we win a prize which is a crown
- This prize or crown never fades and lasts forever

So, we need to run our own race, we need to train for our race and run it, only we can run this race so I am not in competition with anyone else which is a really good thing. If you run your race and run it well, you will get the eternal prize.

Let’s pray