

WHEN GOD HAS OTHER PLANS

A Lord's Flock Worship Topic

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Even at a very young age, most of us already know what we want to be when we grow up, and we envision ourselves being successful in our chosen career path. However, despite our efforts to follow that plan, some end up differently, so we question God as to why it did not go the way we wanted. The truth is God has other plans for us that we can hardly comprehend. Hence, we need to understand that God's ultimate purposes and designs are superior and will ultimately succeed, even if they differ from our expectations (Jer. 29:11).



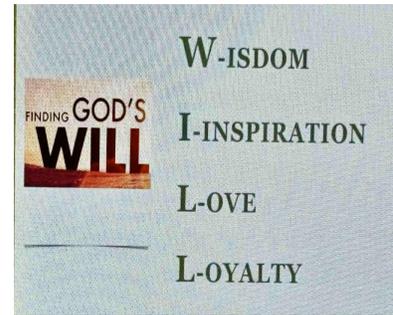
1. There are two Basic Categories of God's Plan:

- 1.1 A Beautiful Plan that is favorable for us, which we do not realize is a blessing.
- 1.2 A Painful Plan or God's other plan for us. When something happens that is not according to our plan, we tend to question God why it is happening in our lives.

2. To see or understand God's plan, we should read and obey the Word of God (Mt. 7:21-27):

- 2.1 Maintain a good relationship with God.
- 2.2 Listen and act on God's Word. We must obey even if it is against our personal will and tendencies. God uses instruments (persons) and events to direct us to His will (Gen. 16:7-11; Acts 9:3-7, 11-20).
- 2.3 Follow His will constantly. A house (our lives) must be built on a rock/solid foundation (Word of God).

3. How do we find God's WILL?



- 3.1 **Wisdom** from God through the Scriptures (Is. 55:8-9). God knows everything because He created everything.
- 3.2 **Inspiration** through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit uses instruments like us to reach out to someone who needs inspirations from God.
- 3.3 **Love** the Wisdom of God. Let us obey, surrender and love and trust God's plan. The more we obey, the more we will understand. When we are blessed with answered prayers, He is affirming us.
- 3.4 **Loyalty** means perseverance. We should remain loyal to God and not give up or let go of Him despite distractions and trials. Being faithful is loyalty to God.

Conclusion:

Let us pray for God's will to be actualized in our lives, for He has plans to prosper us. Even when things do not go as planned, trust that God has a more amazing purpose that we could ever have imagined (Jn. 15:16). We need to choose to be faithful and not let go. Indeed, "our destiny is not a matter of chance but a matter of choice."

Reflection:

1. Was there a time when your plans did not go as planned but turned out to be a blessing?
2. Were you ever used as an instrument by God to inspire someone with His plan?

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