

A self-directed life will not lead to the fulfillment of God's plan.

⁵Trust in the lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. ⁶In all your ways submit to Him and He will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all He does. (Psalm 145:17)

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? (Jeremiah 17:9)

“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” (Jeremiah 29:11)

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**Today's Sermon:
Outside In**

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Loved by God

God Loves Us and His plan for our life is perfect.

Though the mountains be shaken, and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace removed.” says the Lord who has compassion on you. (Isaiah 54:10)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – is by grace you have been saved. (Ephesians 2:4-5)

God’s Word Outlines His plan.

¹⁶All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, training and correcting in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

²⁰Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. ²¹For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (2 Peter 1:20-21)

Prayer Works – Communication is Key

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. (1 John 5:14)

²²“Have faith in God,” Jesus answered. ²³“Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. ²⁴Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. ²⁵And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.” (Mark 11:22-25)

Jesus’ life, crucifixion, and resurrection redeem us to God’s plan. But we must trust and believe that both events occurred to see the plan fully realized.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full. (John 10:10)

²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?” (John 11:25-26)

With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all (Acts 4:33)

⁸Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. (Romans 6:8-11)

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6)