

GOD HAS WONDERFUL PLANS FOR US

Hopefully, we have taken to heart the things taught about the importance of prayer, reading the Bible, and going to Church. In this lesson, we will see that God has our whole life planned. He has good things for us now and in the future. As we follow God's plan, we will experience God's best for our life.

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GOD'S PLANS FOR US ARE GOOD

"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

What does it mean to plan something?

What does the verse say about God's plans for us?

What does it mean to prosper someone?

What does it mean to have "hope and a future?"

How can knowing that God's plans for us are good make a difference in our ability to trust him?

GOD'S PLANS HAVE AN ULTIMATE PURPOSE

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son . . .

ROMANS 8:28,29

What do the verses say we can “know?”

What do you think is the “good?”

Are there times when things do not look good in our life?

According to the verses, for whom do “all things work together for good?”

Who are those that love God?

It says that God called us, “according to his purpose,” and that purpose is explained in the phrase, “to be conformed to the likeness of his Son.”

What does the word “conformed” mean?

To whose image do the verses say we are to be conformed?

Why does God want us to be like Jesus?

The verses say God “foreknew” and “predestined,” which means, he knew ahead of time and planned that a certain thing would happen.

From the verses, what did God know ahead of time and plan to happen?

Does God use good things to conform us? Give an example.

Put these verses in your own words and write them out here:

It is great to know that everything that happens in our life, good or bad, God uses for our ultimate good and his ultimate goal?

GOD WILL COMPLETE HIS PLANS IN US

... being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 1:6

What does it mean to be “confident?”

According to the verse, of what can we be confident?

Who does this verse say “began a good work” in us?

Who does it say will complete that work?

What is the “good work” he began?

What does the word “complete” mean?

What does it say God will do in us?

WE CAN DO EVERYTHING WITH GOD'S POWER

I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

Who does this verse say can do everything?

What does this verse say we can do?

What do the words “through him” mean?

