

Week 3: Does God Have a Plan for My Life?

God, what do you want me to do next? God, am I following your plan? These can be frequent prayers for people who want to know God's will and fulfill it. But what if living out God's plan for you has less to do with a specific decision and more to do with how you approach whatever comes your way? In this message, we'll shift from hoping we're following the "right" plan to knowing what God *really* wants from us and for us.

Discussion Questions

1. Would you consider yourself a planner? Give an example of what makes you say that.
2. When something doesn't go according to your plan, it's called an "interruption." Give an example of an interruption you've experienced.
3. When wondering if God has a plan for your life, have you ever wrestled with any of these issues? If so, which one and why?
 - I missed the plan.
 - I messed up the plan.
 - I don't believe there's a plan.
4. **Read Romans 8:28–31**, where Paul is writing to encourage believers who were wondering how difficult circumstances could be part of God's plans.
 - What are some of the key words that stand out to you from this passage?
 - What about this passage helps reinforce the idea that your life is a life of purpose?
 - This passage intends to give hope that in good or bad, executed plans or interrupted plans, God is at work in our lives. Have you seen God work in your life or someone else's life during difficult circumstances? How so?
5. What are some practical tips to help us shift our thinking to focus more on God's purpose, as opposed to a specific plan?
6. What interruption is making it difficult to prioritize trying to become more and more like Jesus?
7. How can God use that same interruption to conform you into his image?

Changing Your Mind

When our life plans get interrupted, many times it leads to frustration, sadness, and disappointment. But it's during those interruptions that God reminds us that he has something far better than a plan for your life. He has a purpose.