

Change of Plans

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Proverbs 16:9

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I like planning, planning is my thing. It gives me a sense of control and peace. March 13, 2020, for me, marks the day where every foreseeable plan I had made was put on hold. Plans for family celebrations, my kids' school events, sports, vacations, a baby shower to celebrate our newest addition. ALL CANCELLED.

This new normal made no sense to me. All these good plans that were now gone left my heart hurting. I was desperately sad, sad for my kids, my family and friends and really sad for myself.

But God. He stepped in and made his plans known. God stepped in and took control of the plans that I so carefully made. Why? Because His plan and His authority in our lives is way better than our own. His plan to slow down the crazy pace of our family life brought more joy as we spent time playing games and taking daily walks. His plan to refocus my attention on my relationship with him, brought me peace when I felt like I had no control.

Proverbs is a book that is meant to help us understand Godly wisdom. And wisdom comes when we humbly place ourselves under the authority of God's plan, not our own. We can make good plans, even plans that we think honor God, but in the end God's plans are the ones that we need to embrace. We have seen the promise in Jeremiah that he plans to prosper us and not to harm us because he loves us and wants to give us the best. We would be wise to take these new plans and watch God bring blessings in ways we never would have planned for.

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- Take time to acknowledge the plans that have changed for you during this time. How do you feel about the change, how do you feel about God during these changes?
- How have you seen God's blessings for you in the new plans he's bringing?

pray

Father, these changes in our lives are hard, so hard. Sometimes I'm angry about them and sad because I like the control my plans gave me. But Father, I ask that you bring me peace and eyes to see how your plans are even better for me. We love you so much, Amen.

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