

God's Big Plan for Your Life:

- 1. What are your goals?
- 2. What is your vision?

Dream big dreams and watch what God will do with them.

Jesus:

"I am your dream. I am your goal."

Whatever you do, and whomever you're in relationship with, will flow from your relationship with Jesus.

Not the other way around.

The big plan God has for my life is Jesus.

LUKE 2:25-32; 36-38 (NLT)

25 At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel.

The Holy Spirit was upon him

and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah.



- That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, 28 Simeon was there. He took the Child in his arms & praised God, saying, "Sovereign Lord, now let Your servant die in 29 peace, as You have promised.
- 30 I have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared for all people. 31
- He is a light to reveal God to the nations, 32 and He is the Glory of Your people Israel!"

Anna, a prophet, was also there in the Temple. She was the daughter of Phanuel from the tribe of Asher, and she was very old. Her husband died when they had been married only seven years.

37 Then she lived as a widow to the age of 84.

She never left the Temple but stayed there day & night, worshiping God with fasting & prayer.

38 She came along just as Simeon was talking with Mary and Joseph, and she began praising God.
She talked about the Child to everyone who had been waiting expectantly for God to rescue Jerusalem.

Luke 21:25-36

Tribulation

1,000 Yr. Reign

The 1st Coming Suffering Servant To Die in our Place To take our sins **Upon Himself that** We might become Holy once again. Ascended into Heaven

The 2nd Coming 1st Resurrection Dead in Christ will come to Life Alive in Christ will be raptured King of Kings for 1000 years Peace will come to the Earth There will be no Temptation No evil & sin will be no more No more suffering.

IKEA surveyed 12,000 people in 12 cities
Surveyed 22,000 people in 22 Countries

What was the essence of Home?

Four Intangibles:

Comfort - Safety - Belonging - Love

Isaiah 40:1-31 NLT Comfort for God's People

- 1 "Comfort, comfort my people," says your God.
- 2 "Speak tenderly to Jerusalem.
 Tell her that her sad days are gone
 and her sins are pardoned.
 Yes, the LORD has punished her twice over
 for all her sins."

3 Listen! It's the voice of someone shouting,
"Clear the way
through the wilderness for the LORD!

Make a straight highway
through the wasteland for our God!

4 Fill in the valleys, and level the mountains and hills. Straighten the curves, and smooth out the rough places.

5 Then the Glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together.
The LORD has spoken!"

An Announcement of His Coming From Jesus Himself

Mark 13:1-37 NLT



Mark 13:1-37 NLT Jesus Speaks about the Future

As Jesus was leaving the Temple that day, one of his disciples said, "Teacher, look at these magnificent buildings! Look at the impressive stones in the walls."

- Jesus replied, "Yes, look at these great buildings.

 But they will be completely demolished.

 Not one stone will be left on top of another!"
- Later, Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives across the valley from the Temple.

 Peter, James, John, and Andrew came to Him privately and asked Him,

- 4 "Tell us, when will all this happen?
 What sign will show us
 that these things are about to be fulfilled?"
- 5 Jesus replied, "Don't let anyone mislead you,
- for many will come in My Name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah.' They will deceive many.

And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don't panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won't follow immediately.

There will be earthquakes in many parts of the world, as well as famines. But this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come.

Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

There will be earthquakes in many parts of the world, as well as famines. But this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come.

"When these things begin to happen, watch out! You will be handed over to the local councils and beaten in the synagogues.

You will stand trial before governors and kings because you are My followers.
But this will be your opportunity to tell them about Me.

- 10 For the Good News must first be preached to all nations.
- 11 But when you are arrested and stand trial, don't worry in advance about what to say. Just say what God tells you at that time, for it is not you who will be speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

- 12 "A brother will betray his brother to death, a father will betray his own child, and children will rebel against their parents and cause them to be killed.
 - 13 And everyone will hate you because you are My followers.

 But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

- 14 "The day is coming when you will see the sacrilegious object that causes desecration standing where he should not be."

 (Reader, pay attention!)
 - "Then those in Judea must flee to the hills.
- 15 A person out on the deck of a roof must not go down into the house to pack.

- 16 A person out in the field must not return even to get a coat.
- 17 How terrible it will be for pregnant women and for nursing mothers in those days.
 - 18 And pray that your flight will not be in winter.

- 19 For there will be greater anguish in those days than at any time since God created the world.

 And it will never be so great again.
- 20 In fact, unless the Lord shortens that time of calamity, not a single person will survive.

But for the sake of His chosen ones He has shortened those days.

- 21 "Then if anyone tells you, 'Look, here is the Messiah,' or 'There he is,' don't believe it.
- 22 For false messiahs and false prophets will rise up and perform signs and wonders so as to deceive, if possible, even God's chosen ones.
- 23 Watch out!

 I have warned you about this ahead of time!

- 24 "At that time, after the anguish of those days, the sun will be darkened, the moon will give no light,
- 25 the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
- 26 Then everyone will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds with great power and glory.

- 27 And He will send out His angels to gather His chosen ones from all over the world—from the farthest ends of the earth and heaven.
- 28 "Now learn a lesson from the fig tree.
 When its branches bud and its leaves begin to sprout, you know that summer is near.

- In the same way,
 when you see all these things taking place,
 you can know that his return is very near,
 right at the door.
- 30 I tell you the truth, this generation will not pass from the scene before all these things take place.
- Heaven and earth will disappear, but My words will never disappear.

- 32 "However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself.

 Only the Father knows.
- And since you don't know when that time will come, be on guard! Stay alert!

- 34 "The coming of the Son of Man can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip.
 When he left home, he gave each of his slaves instructions about the work they were to do, and he told the gatekeeper to watch for his return.
- You, too, must keep watch!
 For you don't know when the Master
 of the household will return— in the evening,
 at midnight, before dawn, or at daybreak.

36 Don't let Him find you sleeping when He arrives without warning.

37 I say to you what I say to everyone: Watch for Him!"

