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Does God Have A Plan For Me?

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The answer to this question is an absolute, unqualified "YES!"

But...it probably isn't the kind of plan you have in mind. I can remember when my daughter was beginning the process of deciding which college to go to. When she asked me which one I thought she should attend, I would reply "Kara, you are a free woman in Christ. It doesn't matter which one you choose; you will be blessed." When she would ask me which major she should choose, I would say the same thing — with one caveat. I told her if she chose something like "French Medieval Poetry" we would just go out in the backyard and burn our money. It saves time and gets you the same result.

Humans LOVE drama! We want to think that the universe has been waiting on us. Every generation is convinced that they are the last generation, the only generation that "gets" it, and that everything in their history has deep relevance. When it comes to us as individuals, we want to believe that we have this job because God wanted us to have it or that we married this person because it was in God's eternal plan.

Where did we get that idea? We can go to Psalms 139 and see that God wrote a book about us before we were born. Jeremiah was told that he was known, appointed, set apart, and assigned a job before he was born. Does that mean that all of us have our lives planned out by God before the doctor slaps our bottom?

Take a closer look at Psalm 139 and you see that God wasn't planning specific events in David's life so much as He was planning for David to walk with Him and He with David regardless of day, night, mountain or valley. Micah tells us that all God wants of us is to love justice and mercy and... here it is again... walk humbly with our God.

My teaching for Kara and any who ask me what God's plan is for their life is simple: God's plan is that you walk with Him. I do not believe that God has a plan for where I am to be at 12:30 today and what I am to say to which person in that particular room. He certainly CAN have those plans and probably does from time to time, but the Big Plan is that wherever I am at 12:30 today — I belong to God, I act like I'm a member of the family, and I am available if He needs me to act.

People agonize over which job to take, searching for God's will. When they make their decision, they either feel guilty (because they know they used their will and desires to make the choice) or frightened (that they may have made the wrong decision and will have displeased God). Relax. Decide to belong to God and honor Him by the way you do your job and I believe you have pleased God.

I think God was involved in my meeting Kami and falling in love with her. Had that not happened due to my blindness, idiocy, or her keen eyesight (I'm just saying...) I think Kami would have found another to love and marry. If that person also belonged to Jesus, their marriage would have been joyous and blessed. God wouldn't have left her because she didn't get the clues He dropped about marrying me. I've seen God bless second marriages, adoptions, job changes, and relocations — all of which seemed very unwise to me, an outside observer. The common element in each of these was that those involved wanted to walk with God and honor Him, so He took an untenable situation and made it blessed.

Don't worry about what God's Big Plan is for you today. We already know far more about what He wants from us than we are living up to so why add to that burden? Instead, start each day with a determination to:

1. Honor God
2. Be available to Him wherever you are
3. And look for Him in each situation you face

Oh, and talk to Him along the road. Not just formal prayers with "Thee's and Thou's" but conversational prayers. That is God's will for your life.

Patrick Meade

PRAYER REQUESTS

For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For the innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.

For the “people in the box” the lost in our families and community.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel

For our Haiti Mission Team leaving January 19

Millie Lemon is at home recuperating from her last surgery. Hopefully she will be back with us soon.

Renee Bissell is preparing for round 7 of chemo.

Rick Richmond Two more spots of cancer have been detected. Prayers for his faith and healing.

Cletus Davis (Nick Davis's father) fell from some steps and hit his head on the floor. He is home but is suffering some post trauma pain, dizziness.

Emerson Coriell had his appointment at James Cancer Center on Thursday but no definite diagnosis has been made. He goes back next Wednesday and Thursday for further testing.

Zeb Wiehle (Keith & Kristy's baby) was taken back to Children's in Columbus for a check up. Another aneurysm was found which may require another open heart surgery.

Spirit Club Verse of the Month

Matthew 6:33 Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.

Spirit Club Meeting

Sunday, January 6, 6 pm, kids of all ages (2-99 years) are invited to come a little early for Bible Study and learn the latest Spirit Club memory work through song. We'll learn the new songs month by month and also do some review of what we have learned in the past. The song and verse for January is Mathew 19:14. Meeting will last till about 6:20 pm.

Directory Update

Steve and Serena Miller (and Jacob) will have a new phone number for the next few months: **285-1598**. You can still leave messages at the 820-4379 number and send mail to 1522 Allen Road, Minford—but the best way to contact them is at 285-1598.

Men's Meeting

Any men who would like to get together for a time of fellowship and prayer are invited to attend an informal meeting at the Innermission Campus Ministry building (corner of 4th and Gay in Portsmouth) on Friday, January 11, at 6 pm. Main topic for discussion will be things men commonly struggle with. The meeting is expected to last about 2-3 hours.

Haiti Mission Needs

The Haiti mission team leaves on January 19. They are requesting your prayers and your donations of the following items to be taken to Haiti for the 590 children we are currently sponsoring through Hope for Haiti's Children: **Socks**, all sizes, white, brown, black: **Ball Caps**; **Hair Accessories** for girls (barrettes, bow, ribbons, clips. There will be receptacles placed in foyer over the next few weeks for you to deposit these items.

Haiti Mission Team News

Please be praying for our Haiti Mission Team as they are preparing to leave for Haiti on January 19. The team members are **Aaron Kallner, Mike Dixon, Jason Coriell, Brandi Gampp, Scott Gampp, Matthew Gampp and Karren Griffith**. On **January 16 at the conclusion of our Wednesday evening Bible study we are going to take a few minutes to send our team off with a group prayer up front**. Please plan to stay for a few extra minutes on that evening so you can be a part. **Also, some of our members could use a little financial help with the expense of the trip**. If you would like to contribute something to make sure that all 7 of our team members get to go, see Aaron Kallner or Jason Coriell.

*The world with its lust
passes away, but he who does
the will of God remains forever.*
1 John 2:17

Winterfest Coming Soon

Feb 15-17, 2008, are the dates for Winterfest in Gatlinburg, Tn. To register for Winterfest, a seat on the bus and a room, go to www.innermission-ssu.com and click on the Winterfest Sign Up tab. Be sure and include a contact phone number in the message box. More information soon. Thanks, Shaun and Jamie.

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Pam Cockrell** (Deanne Gammon's mother) who passed away last Sunday at home. The funeral was Friday in Wheelersburg.

To the family of **Ron Taylor** (uncle to Becky Dixon, Jennifer Gamp and Rachel Scott) who passed away last week. The funeral was Monday in New Boston.

To the family of **Bev Stiltner** (Clyde Ball's 2nd cousin) who passed away in California last Tuesday.

Welcome Home, Zoe!

Tim and Jennifer and Zoe Gamp made it back to the Columbus airport on Friday evening and if all goes as planned, Zoe will be visiting with us today. Welcome home, Zoe! Tim told me yesterday that Zoe is a little leery of crowds, so please understand if Zoe wants to hang tight to mom and dad.

2008 Budget

Copies of the budget for 2008 are on the table in the foyer. We will be talking about this budget over the next few weeks in some of our lessons.

COMING EVENTS

1/6	First Spirit Club Meeting, 6 pm
1/11	Men's Meeting, 6 pm, Innermission
1/16	Haiti Mission Team Send Off
1/19-26	Haiti Mission Trip
2/15-17	Winterfest in Gatlinburg

Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

12/30	Acts 14
1/6	Acts 15:1-35
1/13	Acts 15:36-16:40
1/20	Acts 17:1-18:22
1/27	Acts 18:23-20:2
2/3	Acts 20:3-38

Wednesday

1/2	Daniel 1-2
1/9	Daniel 3
1/16	Daniel 4
1/23	Daniel 5
1/30	Daniel 6
2/6	Daniel 7

Parents, Look!

Friday, December 28, at the New Boston Wal-Mart, there was a possible attempt to abduct the 10-year old daughter of a close friend of mine. The mother quickly realized her daughter had disappeared into the crush of people leaving the exit area and started screaming her daughter's name causing the man to run away.

The conversation she had later with the New Boston police and Wal-Mart management was disturbing. No one she talked to was surprised it had happened. The area directly inside Wal-Mart's doors is a favored place for predators. They can loiter all day while watching for the right child and opportunity. More than one person with a previous record of molestation has been led away in handcuffs. Wal-Mart is now reviewing security tapes to try to identify the man. My point? Do not assume that talking with your son or daughter about this situation is enough to protect them in public places. You (or some adult you trust) needs to have an eye on them at all times.

— Serena Miller.

Our Mission: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

— Proverbs 22:6

Your Mission: "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

— Ephesians 6:4



Those Who Serve

<u>Sunday Morning</u>	<u>December 30</u>	<u>January 6</u>
Welcome & Prayer	Wayne Gampp	Tom Kelley
Song Director	Nick Davis	Ralph Gampp
Scripture Reading	Steve Williams	Aaron McCray
Prayer	Gabe Coriell	Zach Coriell
Lord's Supper –Bread	Rich Book	John Berry
Wine	Spike Ferrell	Jason Coriell
Server 1	Chuck Allison	Eric McLaughlin
Server 2	Troy Gahm	Ryan Coriell
Server 3	Dale Gampp	Gregg Ferrell
Server 4	Barry Gampp	Jack Jennings
Server 5	David Gampp	Ira Coriell
Server 6	Josh Coriell	Mark Risner
Message	Steve Miller	Steve Miller
Closing Prayer	Greg Coriell	Bill Gammon

Sunday Evening

Song Director	Aaron McCray	Shawn Gragg
Scripture Reading	Gary Glispie	Aaron Kallner
Lord's Supper	Matt Hoskins	Tim Coriell
Assist	Jacob Miller	Dewey Cordle
Prayer	Eric McLaughlin	Ira Coriell
<i>Bible Class Text</i>	<i>Acts 14</i>	<i>Acts 15:1-35</i>

Wednesday Evening

Song Director	Mark Gampp	Zach Coriell
Prayer	Caleb Miller	Jeff Hayward
<i>Bible Class Text</i>	<i>Daniel 1-2</i>	<i>Daniel 3</i>

Children's Bible Time

December 3/5: Joan Coriell, Pam Coriell, Irmalee Gampp
 December 6/8: Kerri Davis, Kim McCray, Jessie Coriell
 January 3/5: Jane Ruggles, Stephanie Copas, Jennifer Gampp
 January 6/8: Kristin Riley, Cindy Coriell, Becky Dixon

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please make arrangements for a substitute. Thank you.

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am
 Bible Study - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

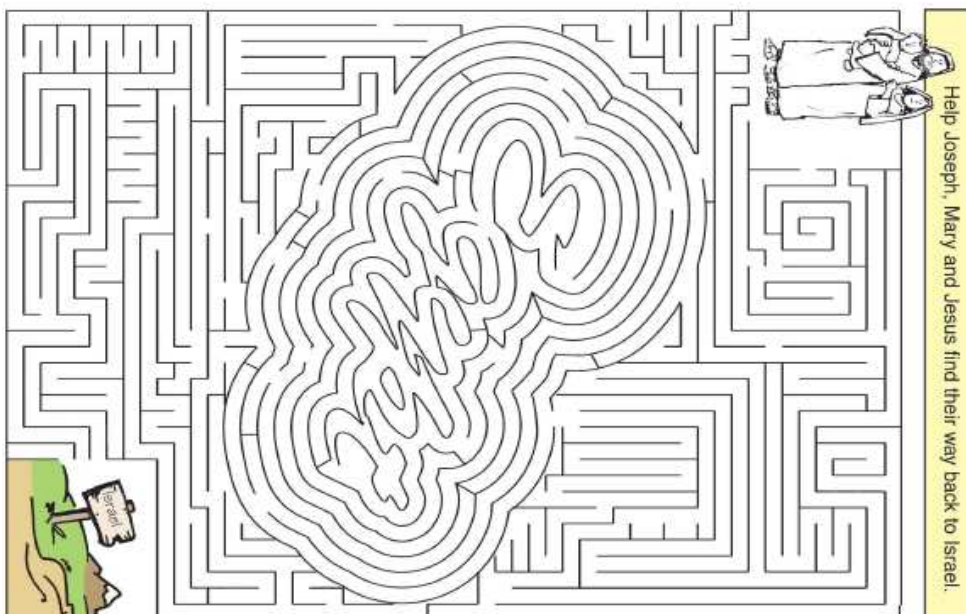
Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

Matthew 2:13-15