

THE PASTOR'S MINUTE

"God Has Plans For You"

Yes, believe it or not, He really does. *"They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope"* (Jeremiah 29:11). God wants to demonstrate His power, His grace, His mercy, and His love, through you, to a hurting world.



You may say, "No way, I could never be used by God; my past is too bad." Well, I have Good News for you! God is actually looking for someone like you! You see, He specializes in "Remodeling," or better yet, "Reconstruction." As a matter of fact, God promises that "When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a **brand new person** inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun." (II Corinthians 5:17). *"He has not punished us as we deserve... for His mercy toward those who fear and honor Him is as great as the height of the Heavens above the earth. He has removed our sins as far away from us as the east is from the west"* (Psalm 103:10-12). So, as you receive God's forgiveness, your past is not a problem. The question then arises, "If God has plans for me, how do I find out what they are and begin to walk in them?"

#1—Ask: Jesus said, *"Ask, and it shall be given unto you..."* (Matthew 7:7). The best way to find an answer is to ask somebody. Jesus said, "Ask me, and I will show you." Jeremiah 29:12 says, *"Call unto me...and I will hearken unto you."* James 4:2 tells us, *"...you have not, because you ask not."*

#2—Seek: Jesus also said, *"...Seek, and you shall find..."* (Matthew 7:7). If you really want to walk in God's plan for your life, then seeking after Him must become a priority. Jeremiah 29:13 says, *"You shall seek me, and find me, when you shall search for me with all your heart."* James 4:8 says, *"Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you..."*

#3—Knock: Jesus also said, *"...Knock and it shall be opened unto you."* This is probably the deciding factor as to whether or not you walk in God's plan. The key word is "OBEDIANCE." To obey is to take a risk—a step into the unknown. But Isaiah 1:19 promises that, *"If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land."* So, go ahead and take the plunge: "Ask, Seek, and Knock," because God has plans for you!

See Ya Sunday,
Pastor Johnny

Sunday Services

Sunday School ~ 9:30 AM
(at 1400 South Broad Street)
Morning Worship ~ 10:45 AM
(at Cairo High School Auditorium)
Evening Worship ~ 6:00 PM
(at Cairo High School Auditorium)

Wednesday Service

Small group discipleship classes
for all ages ~ 7:00 PM
(at 1400 South Broad Street)

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