



MESSAGE NOTES

Knowing God's Will

Jeremiah 29:11

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1. God's overall plan

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

God's overall plan for our lives is flexible. It allows for our own free will. But it is always for our good. God's plan for our lives doesn't fall apart with one wrong decision. He is always working for our good.

2. Becoming more like Jesus

Romans 8:29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

God's overall purpose for our lives is to glorify Him. We do that by becoming more and more like Jesus. You can be faithful, good and self-controlled in any job. You can be more loving, joyful and peaceful no matter who you are married to. And you can be kind and gentle to the people around you no matter where you live.

3. Enjoying God

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

God wants us to enjoy Him more than anything else. Because the more joyful we are in Him, the more we glorify Him. Praise is an overflow of enjoyment. When you enjoy something, you naturally want to praise it. His will is for us to live in His joy.