

# GAME PLAN:

A WINNING STRATEGY FOR FINDING HOPE

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## ONE-MINUTE RECAP

THERE IS A GOD, AND HE HAS AN EXCELLENT PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE. BUT SOMETIMES CHRISTIANITY AND THE BIBLE FEEL LIKE A GENERAL RESPONSE TO VERY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS. DOES GOD REALLY HAVE A PLAN FOR EACH OF US?

Q/A

- SHARE ABOUT A TIME WHEN YOU ASKED GOD FOR A SPECIFIC ANSWER. DID HE RESPOND, YES OR NO?
- WHEN IT COMES TO PLANNING YOUR LIFE, WHO OR WHAT DO YOU RELY ON MOST TO MAKE DECISIONS?

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## OPEN THE BIBLE

X READ COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

WHAT DO YOU THINK THE BENEFIT IS WHEN WE SET OUR MINDS "ON THINGS ABOVE"?

WHAT WOULD ONE OF THOSE "THINGS ABOVE" BE?

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## REFLECT ON IT

TO SET OUR MINDS ON CHRIST REQUIRES A "CONTINUOUS, ONGOING EFFORT...BECAUSE SUCH A FOCUS DOES NOT COME AUTOMATICALLY."

WHAT DOES YOUR MIND AUTMOTCIALLY FOCUS ON WITHOUT MUCH EFFORT?

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## WHO IS THE SPIRIT?

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A PERSON THAT HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO US THROUGH JESUS. IF YOU ARE A FOLLOWER OF JESUS, HE GOES WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO. WHY IS THIS GOOD NEWS?

READ: JOHN 16:13-15,  
1 COR. 2:10-12, GAL. 5:2-23

- X HE IS YOUR COMFORT.
- X HE IS YOUR ADVOCATE.
- X HE IS YOUR TEACHER.
- X HE HELPS YOU MAKE DECISIONS.

WHEN YOU PLACE YOUR FAITH IN JESUS THIS SPIRIT IS AUTOMATICALLY GIVEN TO YOU AS A GIFT.

02

## PRACTICE PRESENCE MAKE SPACE

- ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT SOMETHING YOU'VE NEEDED HELP WITH.
- SIT IN SILENCE FOR TWO MINUTES BY YOURSELF OR WITH A GROUP.
- SHARE OR WRITE DOWN ANYTHING THAT YOU FELT LIKE THE SPIRIT REVEALED.
- THANK GOD FOR BEING WITH YOU IN THIS SPACE NO MATTER IF YOU SENSED HIM OR NOT.

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BE A SIGNPOST FOR SOMEONE WHO IS LOST

THIS MONTH LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP SOMEONE MAKE A GOOD DECISION.

## SOME IDEAS FOR DOING THAT

GENEROSITY

FAITHFULNESS

- GO OUT OF YOUR WAY TO ENGAGE WITH SOMEONE WHO YOU KNOW HAS A DECISION TO MAKE.
- LISTEN TO THEIR FEARS, WORRIES, AND EXCITEMENT ABOUT IT.
- ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT TO GIVE YOU SOMETHING ENCOURAGING TO SHARE WITH THEM.
- ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT IF YOU ARE THE PERSON WHO CAN HELP THEM.
- FOLLOW UP WITH THEM IN A TEXT OR A PHONE CALL AND LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE PRAYING FOR THEM.

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"A NEW COMMAND I GIVE YOU: LOVE ONE ANOTHER. AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, SO YOU MUST LOVE ONE ANOTHER. 35 BY THIS EVERYONE WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES, IF YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER."  
JOHN 13:34-35