

GAME PLAN:

A WINNING STRATEGY FOR FINDING HOPE

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01

ONE-MINUTE RECAP

EVEN THOUGH GOD DOES HAVE A GREAT PLAN FOR OUR LIFE, WE OFTEN THINK HIS PLAN REQUIRES US TO GIVE UP THINGS WE WANT AND LIKE, MAKING OUR LIVES WORSE. BUT WHAT IF GOD'S PLAN ISN'T TO MAKE OUR LIVES WORSE BUT TO GIVE US THE LIFE WE WERE ACTUALLY MADE FOR?

Q/A

- WHEN YOU THINK OF THE PHRASE "GOD'S PLAN" OR "GOD'S WILL" FOR YOUR LIFE, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF?
- HOW MUCH ACCESS DO YOU GIVE GOD TO YOUR PLANS?

02

OPEN THE BIBLE

~~X~~ READ COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

PAUL IS TALKING ABOUT PUTTING ON THE "NEW SELF" TO THE CHURCH AT COLOSSAE AND IS HIGHLIGHTING THE ATTRIBUTES HE KNOWS WOULD MAKE LIFE SO MUCH BETTER FOR FOLLOWERS OF JESUS.

HOW DO YOU THINK WE CAN BECOME THE KINDS OF PEOPLE HE IS DESCRIBING?

03

REFLECT ON IT

"AND WHATEVER YOU DO, IN WORD OR DEED, DO EVERYTHING IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS, GIVING THANKS TO GOD THE FATHER THROUGH HIM."

WHAT DO YOU THINK THE DIFFERENCE IS BETWEEN DOING EVERYTHING IN THE NAME OF JESUS AND DOING EVERYTHING IN YOUR OWN NAME?

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JONAH'S RESISTANCE

PASTOR KYLE TALKED ABOUT JONAH AND HIS RESISTANCE TO GOD'S WILL. JONAH DIDN'T WANT TO GO TO NINEVAH BECAUSE HE DIDN'T THINK THOSE TERRIBLE PEOPLE DESERVED GOD'S GOOD GRACE.

READ: JONAH 1:1-2; 3:1-3

- X SANDWICHED BETWEEN THESE TWO OPPOSITE RESPONSES, JONAH CAUSED A STORM, WAS THROWN OVERBOARD, WAS SWALLOWED BY A FISH, AND FINALLY PRAYED TO GOD FOR HELP.
- X WHY DO YOU THINK JONAH HAD TO SEE HIS OWN PLANS FAIL BEFORE HE SUBMITTED TO GOD'S PLAN?

READ: JONAH 4:1-3

- X JONAH DOES NOT LOVE THE PEOPLE OF NINEVAH, AND THE STORY ENDS WITH HIM STILL RESISTING GOD'S GRACE AND MERCY FOR OTHERS. WHAT DO YOU NOTICE MOST ABOUT HIS RESPONSE? DO YOU RELATE TO JONAH'S FEELINGS OR NOT?

02

PRACTICE MERCY

- THINK OF SOMEONE WHOM YOU STRUGGLE TO BELIEVE WOULD EVER SUBMIT THEIR LIVES TO GOD'S PLAN.
- COMMIT TO PRAYING FOR THEM EVERY DAY THIS WEEK: FOR THEIR SALVATION AND GOD'S GOOD PLAN TO UNFOLD.
- CONFESS WHERE YOU HAVE JUDGED THEM AS IRREDEEMABLE AND ASK GOD TO SOFTEN YOUR HEART TOWARDS THEM.

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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.

ENGAGE

"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