

Our Life's Purpose: Part of God's Story

I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, ". . . plans to give you hope and a future. -Jeremiah 29:11 -

Things happen for a reason, people say. But many in our world disagree. Instead, they claim that our lives are just a series of random events and we have no real purpose beyond trying to keep our species alive. How can our lives be random and without purpose? We all want to excel at some role we may be destined for. If we fall in love, we want to know that our relationship is "meant to be." Surprisingly, even disbelievers will often buy into the idea that things happen for a reason, even if they can't figure out just who might have arranged it all.

Scripture makes clear that the God who planned out the world has also laid out the days we spend in it. Our life stories often turn out much differently than we might have expected, but that doesn't mean our stories happen randomly. It simply shows how little we know of the story ahead of time. That often happens with good stories. - see Psalm 139:13-16

Read Psalm 138:1-8.

Psalm 138:8 says, "The LORD will work out His plans for my life, for your faithful love, O LORD endures forever". God alone knows what's best for us. If we want to make the most of our lives, we have to include God in the planning process and trust His direction. Are you worried about the future? Are you frustrated by your present circumstances? Do you think everything depends on your own plans?

Read Philippians 1:6

None of us know where we'll be in five years. It's possible we won't be anywhere that we planned to be. However, as Christians we take heart in knowing that even if we aren't where we thought we'd be, we are there for a reason. Wherever you are, you can be sure the Lord is working out His plans for you. Have you asked God to show you His best plans for your future? Pray and ask Him to align your desires with His best plans.

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Reclaim My Future



Assess The Detours

Pr 16:9

Stay positive and productive

Heb 13:5

Don't Be Forced Into Someone Else's Future

Num 13

God has a plan.

Gal 6:9

Pray to the Lord who Holds Your future

Luke 11:5-10

Trust The Lord

Rom 8:28