THE PLAN

**1––WHAT CHANGES AND WHAT DOESN’T**

**For every ministry, there must be a plan. And that plan must come from the Lord.**

**Lamentations 3:37 (NKJV)** Who is he who speaks and it comes to pass, When the Lord has not commanded it?

**Proverbs 19:21 (NKJV)** There are many plans in a man’s heart, Nevertheless the Lord’s counsel—that will stand.

**The plan for our ministry must be from the Lord.**

1. **God never changes, and his purposes never change, but His plans and methods often do.**

**2 Samuel 5:18–20 (NKJV)** The Philistines also went and deployed themselves in the Valley of Rephaim. **19** So David inquired of the Lord, saying, “Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will You deliver them into my hand?” And the Lord said to David, “Go up, for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into your hand.” **20** So David went to Baal Perazim, and David defeated them…

**2 Samuel 5:22–25 (NKJV)** Then the Philistines went up once again and deployed themselves in the Valley of Rephaim. **23** Therefore David inquired of the Lord, and He said, “You shall not go up; circle around behind them, and come upon them in front of the mulberry trees. **24** And it shall be, when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then you shall advance quickly. For then the Lord will go out before you to strike the camp of the Philistines.” **25** And David did so, as the Lord commanded him; and he drove back the Philistines from Geba as far as Gezer.

**Hebrews 4:3 (GNB)** **…** **[God said]** “ ‘They will never enter the land where I would have given them rest!’ ” He said this even though his work had been finished from the time he created the world. **[God had made all the preparations to give it to them]**

**Exodus 32:10–14 (NKJV)** Now therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them. And I will make of you a great nation.” **11** Then Moses pleaded with the Lord his God, and said: “Lord, why does Your wrath burn hot against Your people whom You have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? **12** Why should the Egyptians speak, and say, ‘He brought them out to harm them, to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from Your fierce wrath, and relent from this harm to Your people. **13** Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, to whom You swore by Your own self, and said to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven; and all this land that I have spoken of I give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” **14** So the Lord relented from the harm which He said He would do to His people.

1. **Plans change, but our commission does not change.**

**Mark 16:15–16 (NKJV)** And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. **16** He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

**Isaiah 60:2 (NKJV)** For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you.

**Matthew 28:19–20 (NKJV)** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

1. **God is giving us a new plan … but the great commission is still the same … therefore our mission remains the same.**

**BUILDING SOLID LIVES**

**Luke 6:47–49 (NKJV)** Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: **48** He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. **49** But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great.”

1. **COME TO JESUS**
2. **HEAR HIS SAYINGS**
3. **DO THEM**

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**James 1:22 (NKJV)** But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

1. **It’s time to open house churches at the direction of the Lord.**

**Isaiah 55:8 (NKJV)** “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord.

**Jude 25 (NKJV)** To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.