



Weekly Devotion

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“Dad, really?” *by Mary McNichols*

“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.”

— **Jeremiah 29:11**

When my daughter was a teenager and started dating, my husband would always ask either her or the boy she was seeing about his intentions. My daughter would roll her eyes, responding as most teenagers do, “Dad, really?”

Fast forward to her late 20s. After completing medical school and starting her career as a doctor and Navy lieutenant, she felt ready to give up on finding someone who shared her values and vision for the future. That’s when her friends signed her up for a dating app and encouraged her to give it a try. When she called us, I could hear the eye roll in her voice as she said, “Mom, can you believe what they’re doing?”

Little did she know that her first date would turn out to be her last. The next day, she called my husband, excitedly sharing, “Now I understand exactly what you meant when you would ask about my date’s intentions all those years ago. He brought flowers to my door, unlike others who would just honk. He didn’t let me touch a doorknob, and right away, he told me he was looking for someone to share his life with. We talked about our faith, values, plans, and everything else you could imagine during our five-hour dinner. I think the restaurant was thrilled to see us leave!”

When it comes to God, we know His intentions. He loves us unconditionally. He opens His arms to us and has written our future. We just need to have faith, be patient, and trust in Him.

Journaling:

How can trusting in God’s intentions for our lives help us stay grounded during seasons of waiting or uncertainty?

In what ways have you seen God’s plans unfold differently—but more beautifully—than your own expectations?

