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Series: Week 12
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God Has a Plan for You

Key Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11–13 (ESV)

KEY PASSAGE

> *"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will hear you. You will seek Me and find Me, when you seek Me with all your heart." — Jeremiah 29:11–13 (ESV)*

THE BIG IDEA

God's redemptive plan is never thwarted by our past, our rebellion, or our inability to see Him at work. When we cry out to Jesus in our brokenness and seek Him wholeheartedly, He hears us, restores our hope, and calls every believer to live on mission by doing His will.

MESSAGE OUTLINE & MAIN POINTS

1. God Had a Plan Even When I Couldn't See It

Even in Michael's darkest seasons of addiction, homelessness, and spiritual blindness, God is still at work. Sometimes our past experiences and the things we've been through shape how we see God. We can become angry, question Him, or even believe He has forgotten about us. But the truth is, God never stops pursuing us. He uses people, circumstances, closed doors, and even difficult situations to get our attention and point us back to Him.

He kept pursuing Michael, even when I wasn't looking for Him. And when he finally came to the end of himself and cried out, "God, if you're real, save me," He met Michael right where he was.

2. God Had a Plan Even When I Didn't Want to Hear It

Our resistance or indifference does not cancel God's purpose for our lives. Through discipleship and the truth of Scripture in Jeremiah 29:11–13, we discover that God is not a harsh or distant father. His intentions toward us are always good. Seeking God with all our heart transforms our identity and gives us clear direction. Being in Christ means stepping into a new mission: every believer is a missionary called simply to do the will of God right where He places us.

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CONSIDER: DISCUSSION & REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Seeing God's Hand in Retrospect: Looking back over your life, can you identify a season when you couldn't see God working, yet you now recognize His protection, redirection, or pursuit? What helped open your eyes to His presence?

2. Overcoming Distorted Views of God: Pain, disappointment, or wounds from earthly relationships can cause us to view God as harsh, distant, or uncaring. How have past struggles shaped the way you view God, and how does **Jeremiah 29:11** challenge those assumptions?

3. Closed Doors as Divine Redirection: Sometimes what feels like rejection or a closed door at the time turns out to be God's mercy steering us toward Jesus. Share a time when a setback or closed door ultimately led you closer to God.

4. Crying Out in Desperation: **Jeremiah 29:12** promises, 'Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you.' What does honest, unfiltered prayer look like for you when you feel overwhelmed or out of options?

5. The Power of Simple Discipleship: In the message, a believer helped a new Christian simply by handing him a Bible reference on a slip of paper and teaching him how to read it. Who helped you take your first steps in faith, and who is someone in your life right now that you can encourage or disciple?

6. Seeking God Wholeheartedly: **Jeremiah 29:13** connects finding God with searching for Him 'with all your heart.' What practical habits, distractions, or priorities might need to shift in your daily routine so you can seek Him more intentionally this week?

7. Living as an Everyday Missionary: The message concludes with a clear truth: 'If you're in Christ Jesus, you are a missionary. A missionary is simply someone who does the will of God.' Where has God placed you—in your home, workplace, or neighborhood—to live out His will right now?

THIS WEEK'S TAKE-HOME STEP

Pray & Act: Read Jeremiah 29:11–13 slowly each morning this week. Thank God for at least one way He has been faithful in your past and ask Him to show you one specific person you can serve, encourage, or pray with as His missionary this week.