



PART 2: Best Prayed Plans

INTRODUCTION

NFL head coaches spend an entire week putting one together. Teachers work for months in the summertime to develop one. And Fortune 500 companies spend their entire existence working and reworking their plan. It's important to know what your goal is and how you're going to get there. Amazingly though, in the Christian church world, plans feel unspiritual—like there's no room for God in that. But you might be surprised how much God likes a good plan.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Are you a planner? How does having a plan in place affect your day; does it make life easier or more stressful? And how do you handle things when they don't get done according to plan?
2. Read **1 Chronicles 28:11-18**. What about the comprehensive detail in the plan for the Temple stands out to you most? Why do you think a plan with this level of detail was necessary?
3. Read **1 Chronicles 28:19-20**. What makes a God-honoring plan different from any other plan? What would plan development in our life about the things we're trying to accomplish look like, if we were to do like David and seek God's plan first?
4. When you hear things like God's going to see that things get finished correctly, what goes through your mind? What would be required for us to go with that promise in life? Are there things in your life that you're trying to do something about but need God to finish?
5. Read **Philippians 1:6**. How do we move from hoping our plans work to knowing God's will? What would you say is the biggest thing holding you back from truly believing what's said in this verse?

MOVING FORWARD

The best laid plans are the most prayed plans. This week, live according to a new plan development strategy. Stop going to God with *here's the plan* and start coming with *what's the plan?* Then as God begins to give you one step at a time, make sure to pause and ask him *is this still the plan?* regularly. It's vital that we're in regular communication with God throughout the process: the beginning, the middle AND the end. Allow him to be comprehensively in control.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. — **Philippians 1:6**

