

Will Your Choices Affect Your Destiny?

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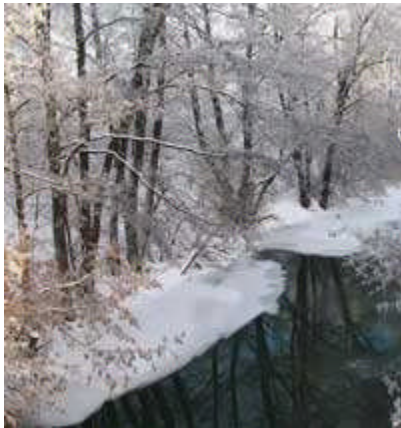
Jeremiah 1:5

Before I formed you in the womb I knew *and* approved of you [as My chosen instrument], and before you were born I separated *and* set you apart, consecrating you *and* I appointed you a prophet to the nations.

God has a plan for each one of us, even while we were in our mother's womb.

Jeremiah 1:11

Moreover the word of the LORD came to me and saying, Jeremiah, what do you see? And I said, I see a branch *or* shoot of an almond tree [the emblem of alertness and activity, blossoming in late winter].



What picture do you see in late winter? Winter is gloomy, brown, grey and overcast. Nothing is growing. But what blossoms in late winter? Most commonly, we see purple and yellow crocus on the ground, and red camellias cascading over shiny green bushes. The truth is: God is alert and active for us on our behalf even when we are experiencing the stillness and silence of winter.



Jeremiah 1: 12

Then said the LORD to me, You have seen well, for I am alert and active, watching over my word to perform it.

God watches over His Word to perform His promises to us. His Word will be performed even when it doesn't seem like it will ever come to pass.

Isaiah 45: 2-6

I will go before you and level the mountains—to make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut asunder the bars of iron.

And I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, [*Yahweh*] the God of Israel, Who calls you by name.

For Jacob My servant's sake, and Israel My chosen, I have called you by your name. I have surnamed you though you have not known Me.

I am the LORD, [*Yahweh*] and there is none else, there is no God besides Me. I will gird *and* arm you though you have not known me.

That men may know from the east *and* the rising of the sun, and from the west *and* its going down, that there is no God beside Me. I am the LORD, [*Yahweh*] and no one else *is He*.

God has a plan. He has chosen you. Even though you may not know him yet, He knew you from the womb. The promise of God for your life will not magically fall from the windows of heaven straight into your lap. The promise is released when we put our hand to the door knob, as we go to open the door. The word is progressive. We have to be involved with the process. We each have to walk it out. We each have to grab the door knob. The promise is released after we act. God will not do my part for me. We each have to step into our promise.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR DESTINY IS OR ARE YOU CLUELESS?

Do you feel destined to accomplish something? Do you feel like you have no clue to what your destiny is? Are you feeling frustrated because you are running out of time? Maybe you know what to do, but you don't want to do it. Perhaps disobedience to God's call is holding you back.

If you don't know what to do, help someone else who is certain of their call. Help that person reach her full destiny and call. Join up with someone and help get their goals reached. God will move you into your destiny. Just get busy doing something to help someone do what they are confident God is calling them to do. He will open up things for you.

Sometimes, we want God to adjust to our personal plans and goals. We just want Him to bless our fleshly efforts. God is BIG. He is God Almighty, and God all Powerful. He is God, Supreme. We are narrow. Submit yourself to God. Look to God for everything. Look only to God in everything on a daily basis. (See Matthew 6:33)

John 15: 5-7

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever lives in me and I in him bears much (abundant) fruit. However, apart from me—cut off from vital union with Me--you can do nothing.

If a person does not dwell in Me, he is thrown out as a [broken off] branch and withers. Such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire and they are burned.

If you live in Me—abide vitally united to Me—and My words remain in you and continue to live in your hearts, ask whatever you will and it shall be done for you.

If you are abiding in the Lord Christ and are vitally joined to Him, you will think like he does. Your mind will be renewed. Your desires will be His desires for you. It will be yours. He will be happy to give it to you.

THE KEY IS LIVING IN JESUS CHRIST

Living in vital union with the Lord Christ is the key to walking into your destiny. It's like an umbilical cord on union. All his DNA is in us...its shared through the umbilical cord. When we have confessed with our mouth that Jesus is Lord and we believe God raised him from the dead, we have been given everything that every daughter of God is to receive. (*We have Christ in us, we have holy spirit, we have become joint heirs with Christ, we receive an inheritance, we have righteousness, sanctification, redemption, justification, forgiveness, remission of sin..etc..*)With this comes the full potential to do ANYTHING—even the impossible. Every attribute of Jesus Christ is ours. (*See John 14:12*) All resources of heaven is ours. Open your hand to receive it. Why get sidetracked with the question, “*What do you want me to do, Lord?*” when all He wants is for you to BE with Him. BE grafted into his branch. Breathe His breath of life. He will give you what you need to fulfill your destiny that He has planned and purposed for you.

We all have pivotal moments in our lives when an obvious choice will affect the rest of our lives. CHOOSE THE BETTER THING. CHOOSE LIFE.

THE KEY IS TO BE PLIABLE, TO BE TEACHABLE IN HIS HANDS

Forgive. We get blocked from doing what we need to do because of unforgiveness. Have the Father's heart and the heart of the Lord Jesus Christ. Know He forgives you, you can forgive others. Know He loves you and will never harm you or cause you damage. Do not be ruled by FEAR. Do not be ruled by DISCONTENT with the present...(*i.e..I will be happy when...*) Be faithful and stand even when you don't feel like it.

In the story of Ruth, Naomi had two daughters in law, one was Orpah, the other was Ruth. These were Moabites, not part of the children of Israel. Orpah left Naomi when the going was rough. Her name means *stiff-necked, one quick to flee*. Ruth's name means *friendly, warm and welcome*. They both lived up to their names. Ruth had an awesome destiny. Because she chose to follow Naomi, and follow Naomi's God, she was given in marriage to Boaz, who became the great-grandfather of King David, who was a part of the Christ line.

Ruth was from a heathen nation who was a wicked enemy of God. Remember Lot? When they fled Sodom and Gomorra, his wife disobeyed, turned back and was turned into a pillar of salt.

Lot's two daughters fled with Lot into the mountains. They were alone. They were afraid that they would never have children, so they got their daddy drunk, and one by one, went to bed with him. That is how both daughters of Lot were found with child by their own father. One of those children was Moab. Even though Ruth descended from Moab, she chose to follow God. She walked into a far greater destiny than the one she could have turned to if she had chosen to go back home to her own nation and kindred like her sister in law did. Instead, because she chose to follow God, and do the creative things that God told her to do, she walked into a destiny that God had blessed for her; a destiny far greater than the one she could have figured out for herself apart from God. In addition, Ruth's new husband was Boaz. Do you know who Boaz's mother was? Boaz's mom was Rahab, the Jericho prostitute who saved the spies of Israel and asked for safety and turned to the Living God of Israel.

It does not matter who your daddy is. It does not matter who your momma is. GOD HAS GREAT PLANS FOR YOU.

"God is getting us ready for what He already has ready for us."-Joe Garlington

Am I holding back?
Anything blocking me?
Who am I trusting?
Am I afraid?

God has called God's Girls Ministry to disciple others. It is already there. The key is a relationship with the Father—to be so united to Him, to be able to hear Him and follow Him, to help encourage others, to be so united with Him to enter in with Him to do what ever He is doing today.

Psalm 139: 23, 24 KJV

**Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:
24 And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way
everlasting. {wicked...: Heb. way of pain, or, grief}**

Is there anything in me holding me back? Reveal this to me, Lord. Show me grace and your empowerment to do your stuff, God. Your grace is sufficient for me. Amen

