

# FEAR NOT

For God hath not given  
us the spirit of **fear**;  
but of **power**, and of  
**love**, and of a **sound**  
**mind**.

2 Timothy 1:7

**Transformation**  
**Renew Your Mind**



# God's Plan

In our last message we learned that the JOY of the Lord is our Strength.

In this lesson we will learn that God has a plan for you, and His plan is always at work.

God's plan is his will and purpose for your life.

God's plan is your destiny!

# God's Plan is Transformation

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God's plan involves a **LIFETIME** of **TRANSFORMATION**.

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Transformation means **CHANGE** and **LEARNING**.

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Life is a long journey, but it is so **much better when we take each day with God**.

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One of the **greatest blessing** was put in place before you were born. This is the **ongoing transformation** plan that God put in place for your life.

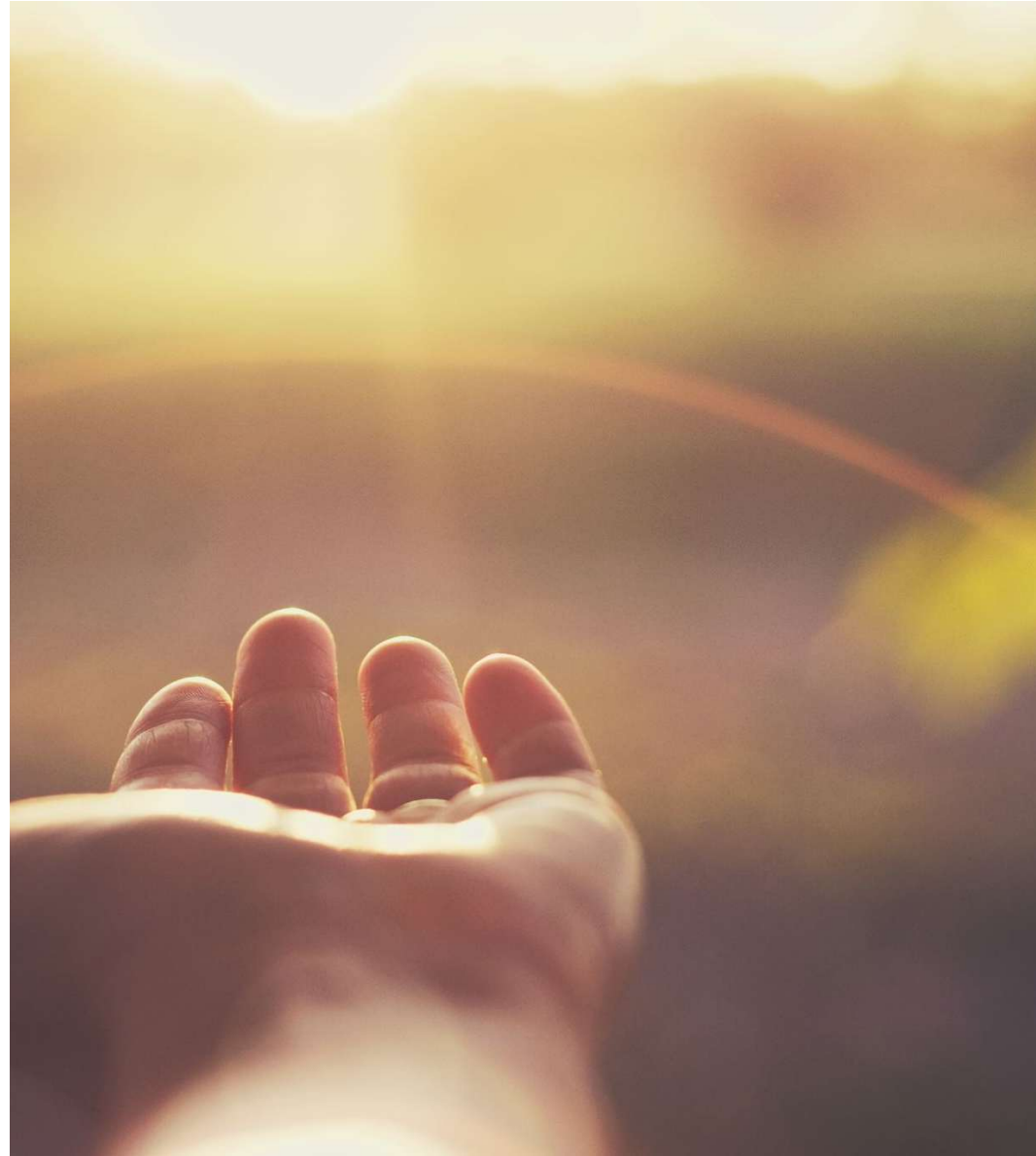
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God's plan always brings us into a **right relationship** with Him.

# The God Who Sees and Knows

- God is **Omniscient** (all knowing).
- **God has a book written about you!**
  - Thine eyes **did see my substance**, yet being unperfect; and **in thy book all my members were written**, *which* in continuance were fashioned, when *as yet there was* none of them.
  - **How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!** Psalms 139:16-17
- The God who knows everything can see the end of your life from the beginning.
  - He hath made **every thing beautiful in his time**: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out **the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end**. Ecclesiastes 3:11

- God lives in eternity.
- Eternity is TIMELESS.
- God lives in an **infinite** (unlimited) realm.
- We live in a **finite** (limited) dimension of time and space.



# Your Future was Declared from the Beginning

- God not only knows your future, but He has already declared what it should be!
  - Remember the former things of old: for ***I am God***, and ***there is none else; I am God***, and ***there is none like me***,
  - **Declaring the end from the beginning,** and from ancient times ***the things that are not yet done***, saying, **My counsel shall stand**, and I will do all my pleasure. Isaiah 46:9-10

# You Were Chosen for Greatness

- Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath **blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places** in Christ:
- According as **he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love. Ephesians 1:3-4
- The word “Chosen” here is made up of two words in the Greek. The Greek word is “*eklego*”.
  - “*ek*” means “exit”. To exit a room, you go out of it through a door.
    - Jesus said, “I am the DOOR of the sheep.” John 10:7
  - “*lego*” means “to say or speak”. It is the root of “logos”, meaning WORD.
    - In the beginning was the WORD, and the WORD was with God, and the WORD was God. John 1:1
- The timeless, eternal WORD was JESUS!



- This means you and I were CHOSEN out of Jesus, the WORD, before we were born!
  - In the beginning was the WORD, and WITHIN the WORD was an ARMY of WORDS!
- Each of us was a WORD sent out from the mouth of God to earth with an assignment.
  - His purposed will (his WORD) and our DESTINY (assignment).
- We were sent here to SPEAK HIS WORD so that HIS WORD will be multiplied throughout the earth.

- God sees, knows, and declares the end from the beginning.
- God is at work IN US and FOR US to accomplish HIS WILL.
  - So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: **it shall not return unto me void**, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.  
Isaiah 55:11
- For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure. Philippians 2:13

# His Will is Our Destiny

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God sent us to Earth.

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One day we will finish our lives and return to the Lord's presence.

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When we return to Him, we will not return to Him empty or unfulfilled!

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If we have surrendered to him, His will for us – our DESTINY – will have been accomplished, just like He said it would!

# The Journey of Life

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- Life is a journey. It is like a long trip.
- When we put our trust in God, we will finish this walk.
- Jesus had a walk with God. He was our example.
  - **I have glorified thee** on the earth: **I have finished the work** which thou gavest me to do. John 17:4
- Paul had a walk with God. He was also our example.
  - But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, **so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.** Acts 20:24

# Learning About Jesus!

- Life is like an education.
  - Some people are in elementary school, some in middle school, some in high school, and some are in college.
- We are all at different levels of understanding and maturity with God.
- Just like school, we move from grade to grade.
- At each level there are new subjects to learn, new teachers to teach us, and new challenges to face.
- Going to school does not get easier, and some drop out.
- The workload can become more demanding and the work may get harder, but one day, if we hang in there, we will GRADUATE!
- It will be worth it all!

# Keep Growing!

Even teachers have to keep learning.

The Christian life is a progression. It is a series or sequence of events.

Our life in Christ must not grow stagnant. We are to be ever advancing, ever changing, ever growing.

- They go from strength to strength. Psalms 84:7
- For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith. Romans 1:17
- But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord. 2 Corinthians 3:18

Stay in the school of God. Do your best. Keep learning new things. Graduate!

- But he that endureth to the end shall be saved. Matthew 10:22



- God sees, knows, and declares everything about us, for He sees the End from the Beginning.
- The ongoing **TRANSFORMATION** in us is **Change**.
  - The Change upon Change to be More Like JESUS.
- **JESUS** is the One who is Transformed **in Us**.
- Jesus is the **Beginning** and the **End**.
  - And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. Revelation 21:6; 22:13



- When Jesus died on the cross and rose again from the dead, everything was **transformed**, everything was **changed**. We were given a New Covenant.
- Jesus is the ONLY one who by His Spirit can **change us**.
- We must learn to grow in His Grace.
  - But grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him *be* glory both now and for ever. Amen.  
2 Peter 3:18
- Our change will not happen all at once. We must wait for our change.
- As we are continuing to learn, His Word will change us.
  - All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. Job 14:14



- The Bible encourages us to be “still and know that He is God”. (Psalms 46:10)
- God is ever at work in us to perform His will.
  - For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure. Philippians 2:13
- And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Romans 12:2

# A Glorious Hope is in Christ

The God who started this great work in you will keep at it and will bring it to a flourishing finish.

- Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ: Philippians 1:6

Jeremiah 29:11 promises you and me an “expected end” – a glorious hope and successful future.

- For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Jeremiah 29:11

You do not  
need to be  
Afraid of  
Today or  
the Future

- JESUS came down to earth, fought the battle, and won, once and for all!
- JESUS ran the race and crossed the finish line FIRST!
- Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.  
Hebrews 12:2

**Our END is SECURE. Jesus made sure of that!**  
**Enjoy the Journey!**

# Self-Reflective Indicators of Spiritual Strength

- What things do you need to change in your words and actions?
- How do you react when you face a new situation or challenge?
- What have you experienced in life that changed you the most?



# From Glory to Glory

- From glory to glory
- He's changing me, Changing me,
- Changing me into His likeness and image
- To perfect in me The love of God shown to the world
- For He's changing, changing me
- From earthly things to the heavenly
- His likeness and image to perfect in me
- The love of God shown to the world

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