

The Ladder of Life



The Bible is pretty clear that God has a plan for each of person (Jeremiah 29:11) even though we know this, we sometimes struggle to put it all together. Many times we find ourselves deeply concerned with living a purposeful life, and in order to do so, we spend a lot of energy trying to figure out if we are doing it.

I firmly believe that God has a specific plan for each person's life and I believe He has a specific plan for your life. Many times when we are seeking God's will for our life, we want to know what He wants us to do as individuals.

Over the course of time, God will bring certain words, phrases, or verses to gain our attention concerning His plan. The more we trust Him, the more we have to step out in faith, and the more we grow in our relationship with Him. At times surrendering to God's plan is no easy task -especially when we "think" we understand what He is saying.

I once heard a story about a farmer who was hoeing in the field on an extremely hot day. He was a young farmer, and he wondered if he was supposed to spend his life as a farmer or if God had other plans for him. One day he looked up in the sky and saw that the wind was moving the clouds around. He distinctly saw the clouds form the letters "P" and "C" in the sky.

He thought it was a message from God to "Preach Christ," so he threw down his farm equipment, and started going around the community preaching Christ. He began to tell people, "God showed me in a vision in the clouds I'm supposed to be a preacher." He spent several months preaching, but with dismal results. His family's needs were going unmet, he found himself frustrated regularly and his wife extremely unhappy. Everything felt wrong around him.

After about eight months, he decided to go back to farming and hoeing corn. A few days later a good friend approached him saying, "I thought God gave you a vision that you're to preach Christ." He answered, "Well, I've concluded 'PC' really meant Plant Corn."

Can you relate to this story? I know I can! Many times after we hear something, we throw our interpretation on it like it's a homework assignment we need to complete. Even when we do stupid things, God can use it.

God cares about every detail of our life and wants to guide us through things only He isn't going to show us every piece of the puzzle all at once. We want to get to the purposes God has for our lives, but we don't like God's way of taking us there.

What He really wants is simply for us to allow Him to work through life's situations, moment by moment as we let Him handle the details. Getting where He wants us to go is like climbing a ladder. We need to take it one rung at a time.

True faith trusts God. It doesn't worry or get hung on making something happen. It focuses on God and Kingdom purposes. He wants us to trust Him so He can fulfill His purpose in us. He wants our life to fit in with His master plan.

As you grow in intimacy with Him you will grow in spiritual discernment and understanding of God's perfect will, plan and purpose for your life. Our purpose is God's idea, not our idea, and only trusting Him can we walk in the fullness of it. Whatever you've gone through over the past several years has not been in vain—it's been God preparing you for a greater purpose

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