

## **Promises, Priorities and Plans** **Matthew 6.24-34/Jer 29:11-14**

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For the next month we will ask the Lord to teach us about His plans for our lives. I'm afraid we may have placed so much emphasis on our own purpose that we have underemphasized the Plans of the Lord.

For the last year I've been preaching from the thought Pursuing God. Pursuing His Nature, His promises, His will, His ways, His presence. You name it we've talked of pursuing Him. Recently we've come to a conclusion that is noteworthy. That embracing God's priorities is the master key to pursuing all that He has for us. Mt. 6.33 makes this very clear. When we seek what is important to God then He will give us what's important to men. We seek to worship, He'll seek to lift us up. We seek souls and He'll provide a building for the souls. We want His path, His promises and His plans but the key to all of that is His priorities.

### **1. Pursuing the pathway – Psalms 16.11**

“You will show me the path of life...”

- In this modern age we still need the Holy Spirit's help! Ps. 127.1
- We need His daily leadership in our lives.
- Need to be able to discern the voice of the Lord! John 10.3/

*Deut 4:35-36 "Out of the heavens He let you hear His voice to discipline you; and on earth He let you see His great fire, and you heard His words from the midst of the fire."*

### **2. Pursuing His Promises – 2 Co.1.20**

“All the promises are yes and amen”

- This is a walk of faith! 2 Co.5.7

Faith is the transportation system of the kingdom.

- There comes a time when you have to just trust Him.

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*“Call those things that are not as though they were” Ro.4.17*

- The woman with the issue of blood pursued Him! *Mk 9.25*

### **3. Pursuing the Priorities of God – Mt. 6.33**

*Lk. 18.18 – Rich young ruler walked away sorrowful!*

- The kingdom is first priority!
- Love, people and giving!

*Luke 18:28-30*

*29 And He said to them, "Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, 30 who will not receive many times as much at this time and in the age to come, eternal life."*

- The deal of a lifetime!!!

### **4. Now go after God’s PLAN!!!**

*Jer 29:11-14*

*11 'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. 12 'Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13 'You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. 14 'I will be found by you,' declares the LORD, 'and I will restore your fortunes and will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you,' declares the LORD, 'and I will bring you back to the place from where I sent you into exile.'*

- God has some good things planned for you and His people!
- His plans are characterized by a dynamic relationship with Him
- His plans will be highlighted by restoration

Restoration will require new habits and disciplines in order to maintain what He gives.