

*Increase your Capacity to Receive*

**Walking in God's Best Plan  
even at your Worst**

Married to your bro  
God has a great purpose and plan for you life  
and God has a way of bringing it to pass  
despite what you did or what people did.

**Mother** in law – d in Jeru – 5 times more –  
send back to US – back to US – wao –  
heard sometimes ago – died buried raised  
in 3 days

Walking in God's best plan – **what peo did**  
– **you did** - mistakes – God still have a  
way – **Ress** your destiny – great plan

Jer 29:11

11 For I know the plans I have for you,"  
declares the LORD, "plans to **prosper** you and  
not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a  
future.

What kind of plan God has for your  
life?

Great purpose for each of you:

Angel - **Eliz** – have a baby – called John –  
forerunner

Angel – **Samson's dad** – have a baby – deli –  
raised – hair not cut

Specific - **374 bef Josiah** born – sm kid  
bring revival – 8 yrs king

– couldn't sleep – open up Scriptures –  
come across – place mention his name –  
come alive – person of destiny

**400 yrs bef Cyrus** born – prophet – wrote -  
destiny

**Great plan** – pros plan

**Prosper**: Eudoo (ευδοω), to help on one's way, to have  
a prosperous journey, Rom 1:10; 1 Cor 16:2, "as he may  
prosper," lit. 'in **whatever** he may be prospered,' i.e., in  
**material** things; the **continuous** tense suggests the  
successive circumstances of varying prosperity as **week**  
follows **week**; in 3 John 2, of the prosperity of the **physical**  
and **spiritual** health.

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Some – only the phys; Some – only spiritual  
– all

One gen better ano – one year better ano

What happen if you don't have a  
passion for the overflow?

**Passion inc** – if you don't have a **passion** –  
peo below can go higher

Fathers – entp – young professionals - even  
pas

**Wherever** you may **start off** – little  
businessman, little professional - sm  
pastors – have a passion for **INC**

Luke 13 Wo bound 18 yrs - healed – angry –  
against law

Leader – **wont go higher** – wont lift higher  
– bound by law – what you deserve – work for  
**Satisfied** – if have ability – don't passion –  
overflow – selfish

**Content?** – happy – but not stuck in  
mediocrity – season – overflow inc

**How walk** – great destiny – **even** when  
worst

**I. God has a great plan for you despite  
what people can do**

Why don't see more things happening

– moment born – enemy target – pull you off  
God's best

**discouraging situ - temptation –  
distractions - wrong peo**

Lk 13 – 18 bound

*You may have a negative past, it **doesn't**  
mean you will have a negative future.*

Isaiah 43:18-19

18 "Forget the former things; do not dwell on  
the past. 19 For I am about to do a brand-new  
thing. See, I have already begun! Do you not see  
it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness  
for my people to come home. I will create rivers  
for them in the desert! NLT

How you can don't dwell in the past  
and jeopardise God's Great Plan for  
you?

Learn from your past but don't dwell on your  
past

I am an unwanted child

– mother not married

**unplanned** - not a **surprise to God**

No child can be born without God **breathing**  
life into him – **great plan**

No such thing as illegitimate child – only  
illegitimate parents

**Not raised** by **great** parents –

May be raised in a **negative** enviro - **drug**

Drug addict mum – born w addict – left –  
struggle w other addiction

Don't sit back and filled self pity – **dwelling**  
in past – **can't see** the brand new thing

God still have a great plan

**Nicky Cruse** – Raise – 18 bro and sis –  
Porto Rico

– parent heavily involved in witchcraft – 3 –  
15 – invited – mock – cause trouble -

heard – felt – purpose – new beginning –  
message hope - Irvin

– age of 3 trance – declared – son of s  
15 moved to NY – with one of bro – streets –

leader of most feared and violent gangs –  
fighting and killing - part of life – best friend

died on his shoulder - attention  
One nite – young pas – David W - invite – ch

– mock threaten to beat – dejected – whole  
gang show up to cause trouble – as Nicky  
heard about the love and forgiveness found in

Jesus – heart melt – felt something -never felt bef

All of sudden – he found God has purpose – **great** destiny – nite – turning point

Left – **new** beginning – **around** world – sharing message of hope

One of the products – Irvin Rutherford

**1943** teen **pregnant** from forced violent act – so devastated

– plan to abort – adopt – boy – extreme poverty – didn't look – great plan

God not give life – without giving a great destiny

60 yrs James Robison touched millions round world

*What people did or didn't do **can't** stop God great plan for you life.*

**My friend** betrayed me, lie about me, ignore me, walk out on me

**Door closed, I was laid off, unfairly left out from promo**

**Face** what seems **unfair** situ – **easy** to be upset bitter

Truth – if continue to  **dwell** on self – cant see **new**

**Some bitter** - God **can stop** – **why** didn't stop

*God is in control: things don't happen to you but happen **for** you.*

**All negative – if happen – push you you up**

If a door **closed** – God has a bigger door

**Pastor** – sharing – plane – no matter what he tried – could put table down – friends

next row – even air stewardess – later look up – emergency exit

**Many Years** ago – **major** door closed – God opened another door – soon after saw birth of RLC – **impact** lives all over the world:

**Message of hope, grace, pros – lifting**

**Goliath** – exist for one purpose – push David up

**Judas** betrayed Jesus – Jesus could have been **upset** – disappointed – yet Judas played a **critical** role

**Alabama** monument – honor **pest** beetle – yrs ago – 1 3 months

- beetle destroyed much of cotton plantation – econ of the south was paralysed

Farmers can only sit back – see crop destroy – one bright idea – why don't – peanut – somehow immune to the pest - laugh – did – earn more in 1 month than what could in 3

God can even line up even the enemies – **Judas', Goliaths', beetles**

**2. God has a great plan for you despite your poor choices and mistakes**

**Acts 26:18-9**

18 to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive **forgiveness** of sins and an **inheritance** among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.' 19 "Therefore, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision. NKJV

Notice **close rel** bet forgiveness – inheritance

Prob – many don't know how to **receive** Grace

Why does God do not want us to dwell in the past quilt and condemnation?

Many go round **dwelling** on failures – been **divorced** – **bankrupt** – given in to **temptation**

Made **so many** poor choices - Lost **passion** – great plan – keep dwelling - guilt – mediocrity

**Isa 54:4**

4 "Fear not; you will no longer live in shame. The **shame** of your youth and the sorrows of widowhood will be **remembered** no more. NLT

When **repent** – God not **remember**

**Blew** – still great plan

**God didn't say – if perf - somehow**

I **blew** it – made **poor** choices – **failed** – God still have a **great** plan for you life

**Didn't** say – as long as you **don't** make any mistake – great plan

*Despite your mistakes, God still has **ways** of causing His great plan to be fulfilled for your life.*

Best days ahead

This is what happen to **Abraham** –

God promised him – father of many nations – have a child – impossible

**Mistake** after mistake

Sarah to help God – sleep w one of the mates – first mistake

A agreed – second mistake

Child – let strive come in – ano mistake

**End** – mistake after mistake – God somehow – able to **cause** Sarah to conceive – **original** plan

**God's way** – leaders: Moses Josh Josiah Cyrus – same **secular** world

World don't know what to do

Bible – men made mistakes – poor choices – God not surprise

God has a way – causing – great plan – best days ahead

God didn't terminate Moses' job – 120 – eyes not dim – strength not abetted – did enter the land – on Mt of Transfiguration when saw Jesus

**2 Kings 20:12-20**

12 Soon after this, Merodach-baladan son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent Hezekiah his best wishes and a gift, for he had heard that

Hezekiah had been very sick. 13 Hezekiah welcomed the Babylonian envoys and showed them everything in his treasure-houses--the silver, the gold, the spices, and the aromatic oils. He also took them to see his armory and showed them all his other treasures--everything! There was nothing in his palace or kingdom that Hezekiah did not show them.

**Great king – made a major mistake – envoys came – show them everything**

14 Then Isaiah the prophet went to King Hezekiah and asked him, "What did those men want? Where were they from?"

Hezekiah replied, "They came from the distant land of Babylon."

15 "What did they see in your palace?" Isaiah asked.

"They saw everything," Hezekiah replied. "I showed them everything I own--all my treasures."

16 Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Listen to this message from the LORD: 17 The time is coming when everything you have--all the treasures stored up by your ancestors--will be carried off to Babylon. Nothing will be left, says the LORD.

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**Repent – God still bless him – he still continue to ‘make history’**

**Astounding Hezekiah tunnel – amazing feat of engineering even in those days**

20 The rest of the events in Hezekiah's reign, including the extent of his power and how he built a pool and dug a tunnel to bring water into the city, are recorded in The Book of the History of the Kings of Judah. NLT

**Blessed – enjoy - don't go around talking – showing off – not secretive**

**But not secretive – when asked – right time – testify of the great things God has done for you**

Hence, **testimonies** – normally put it anonymous

Sometimes God lead **low profile** – ch and pas

**Ps 37:23-25**

23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way. 24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the LORD upholds him with His hand. NKJV

**Mistake – not end there of you – God there – pick us up – ways**

Too many – failed – **hard** on themselves – guilty and condemned – **finished** – **missed best**

You have **miss** plan A – God has plan **B – C D E – hope - somehow**

Man and wo of God – poor choices – not perf – yet **God somehow – cause – great plan**

**Jonah**

Told – **didn't want** to – know what right – didn't do – run

Ended up – belly – imagine – God is **done** w him – Bible

**Jonah 3:1-3**

3:1 Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: 2 "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." NIV  
**Even if you have blown it – another opport**

**Samson – amazing call – poor choice – off best – secret of strength – hair**

– moment of weakness – when once a strong man – chained – remove eye – end us - slave – grinding mill

**Make wrong choices – God is done?**

**Hair begin to grow one more time**

**Judges 16:22**

22 But before long his hair began to grow back a second time. JY

**Brought – their temple – make fun – help – arm on column – spirit came – one more time – push column over –building down**

**Destroy more in death in life**

**Like Samson – wasted opport – never too late – God has **ano** vict**

**1 John 1:9**

9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong. NLT

**Not mean – every day – hours talking of failures – how many – times like this – kids – spouse**

**How to experience new beginning despite your failures?**

**Ack your faults - don't blame – excuses**

So focus on making excuses – didn't learn what we should learn – shine with greater excellence

God not see us as failures – God sees us as **learners**

**Cleans** – – receive **forgiveness** → **new beginning**

Start making **good** choices today

Just becous you **miss** plan A – not mean

can't still have **God's best**– too **bad**

God didn't say – **too bad** – **settle** for second best

**Boldly believe – thank you – Bright fut – great plan – expect – best – seek him**

**Jer 29 12-14**

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 seek me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity.