

## **RUNNING ON PURPOSE**

**Ecclesiastes 3:1 For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.**

**Ecclesiastes 3:11 Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end.**

**Ecclesiastes 3:12 So I concluded there is nothing better than to be happy and enjoy ourselves as long as we can.**

**Ecclesiastes 3:13 And people should eat and drink and enjoy the fruits of their labor, for these are gifts from God.**

**Ecclesiastes 3:14 And I know that whatever God does is final. Nothing can be added to it or taken from it. God's purpose is that people should fear him.**

**Ecclesiastes 3:15 What is happening now has happened before, and what will happen in the future has happened before, because God makes the same things happen over and over again.**

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **1. YOU MUST EMBRACE THE FACT THAT GOD HAS MADE PLANS FOR YOU**

***Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," says the lord.***

***"They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.:12 In those days when you pray, I will listen.:13 If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.***

### **- YOUR PAST FAILURES DO NOT CHANGE THE PURPOSE OF GOD**

**Psalms 138:8 The lord will work out his plans for my life— for your faithful love, O lord, endures forever.**

**Don't abandon me, for you made me.**

- YOUR PLANS ARE ONLY GOOD IF SUBMITTED TO HIS PURPOSE

**Psalms 33:11** But the lord's plans stand firm forever;  
his intentions can never be shaken.

**Proverbs 19:21** You can make many plans,  
but the lord's purpose will prevail.

## **2. YOU MUST MAKE THE DISCOVERY OF PURPOSE YOUR LIFELONG ADVENTURE**

*Romans 8:28* And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

**"IF YOU DONT KNOW THE PUOSE OF A THING YOU WILL ABUSE IT"**  
**MYLES MUNROE**

- PURPOSE IS BASED UPON BRINGING GOD GLORY

*Jeremiah 32:38* They will be my people, and I will be their God.  
*Jeremiah 32:39* And I will give them one heart and one purpose: to worship me forever, for their own good and for the good of all their descendants.

- PURPOSE DOES NOT HAPPEN NATURALLY IT MUST BE PURSUED

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## **3. YOU MUST MAKE PLANS TO FULFILL PURPOSE**

- SET SMART GOALS

**SPECIFIC**  
**MEASURABLE**

**ACHIEVABLE  
RELEVANT  
TIME BOUND**

**- ESTABLISH ACCOUNTABILITY**

**Proverbs 15:22 Plans go wrong for lack of advice;  
many advisers bring success.**

**- ENSLAVE TIME**

**Proverbs 16:3 Commit your actions to the lord,  
and your plans will succeed.**

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