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Following God's Plan for Your Life

The Pursuit of Our Dream

God has a plan for everyone's life! It is a good plan filled with love, satisfaction, and rewards. But, each of us are responsible to pursue our God-given dreams. We must love Him!

Romans 8:28 says, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

The important phrase in this verse is "them that love God." Jesus taught that the person who obeys His commands is the one who really loves Him (John 14:21, 23-24). Those who are led by the Spirit of God are the true sons of God (Romans 8:14). All who obey His orders and follow His plans, live and continue to abide in Him (1 John 3:24).

Obedying the Lord is the key to a fulfilling life. Obedience is not always easy. In fact, it is often challenging. Therefore, we must continually remind ourselves that His grace is sufficient.

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We must not grow weary in obeying Him for we shall reap if we do not loosen and relax our courage and faint (Galatians 6:9). His grace is greater than any sacrifice on our part!

Life often requires strenuous effort and sacrifice. I do not believe that God intended for it to be this way. He created the earth and everything in it and said that it was very good (Genesis 1:31). It was only after Adam's disobedience that God said that the ground was cursed and in sorrow and toil shall you eat the fruit of it (Genesis 3:17-19).

The challenges of life are present because of the curse in the earth. Satan is presently the god of this world (2 Corinthians 4:4). But, we can overcome the world through faith in God.

Please do not forget that faith without works is dead (James 2:14-26). These works are acts of obedience. Faith without obedience is dead!

You must become persuaded of God's plan for you and of His provision, and then pursue it with diligence or it will never come to pass. You must inherit the promises by faith and patient endurance (Hebrews 6:11-12).

Success in life demands hard work!

You will need to overcome a few obstacles to achieve your divine destiny. Success in life demands hard work. Choosing a less challenging path does not lead to success.

This does not mean that you must be stressed-out and overworked. There is a confident rest when you trust and obey the Lord. The peace of God guards your heart and mind when you know that you are doing what He has told you to do.

When you obey God you can confidently expect Him to thoroughly equip you with whatever is needed to accomplish His orders. You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you (Philippians 4:13).

I am so glad that Patty and I learned early in our walk with God to obey and trust Him. We have never regretted following Him. It has not been without tests and trials. But, it has always been worth any sacrifice on our part.

When we first recognized the call of God into full-time ministry, we immediately began to pursue His plan for us by attending Rhema Bible Training Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

I was in partnership with my brother in a profitable business. Patty had a good job. We had three small children, a nice home and a promising future. But, we did not allow any of



Brad's Itinerary

AFCM Meetings

Ham Lake, MN - Nov. 2

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Break Forth Bible Church

Glendive, MT - Nov. 5

Word of Faith Family Church

Great Falls, MT - Nov. 7

New Life Victory Center

Columbus, MT - Nov. 12

AFCM Meeting

Helena, MT - Nov. 13

Word of Faith Family Church

Great Falls, MT - Nov. 14

AFCM Meetings

Des Moines, IA - Nov. 16

Auburn, NE - Nov. 17

Grace Community Church

Rockport, MO - Nov. 19

Word of Faith Family Church

Great Falls, MT - Nov. 28

Church on the Rock

Butte, MT - Dec. 3

Word of Faith Family Church

Great Falls, MT - Dec. 5

Word of Faith Family Church

Willmar, MN - Dec. 8

Triumphant Faith Christian Center

Ham Lake, MN - Dec. 17

Word of Faith Family Church

Great Falls, MT - Dec. 19

these things to hinder us from immediately obeying God.

I was born-again in March by accepting the Lord Jesus into my life. I realized the Lord's call into full-time ministry a short time later. By August, I had packed up my family and "some" belongings, and moved to Tulsa.

We had no jobs, no income, no place to live, and did not know anyone in that city. But, we were determined to obey God.

It was amazing to experience God's supernatural leading and provision. He directed each of our steps as we found housing and jobs. He led us to a wonderful lady who cared for our children when we were at school. Just a few months later, Patty's sister came to be a live-in babysitter.

God gave us great favor and promoted us in our employment. The nursing home where Patty worked paid to train her for a supervisor position even though they knew her employment was only temporary. The funding organization that I worked for promoted me to a managerial position as well.

We were obeying God and reaping the benefits. We were also working hard and doing everything with excellence. We knew that training for the ministry and working these jobs was the will of God for us at that time. So, we were committed to them!

The company that I worked for had offices in three cities, and Tulsa was producing the least revenue. Within three months of becoming the manager, my office was number one. The owner of the company flew to Tulsa to meet with me and tried to entice me into staying. I rejected his lucrative offer.

Shortly before finishing Bible school the Lord witnessed to my heart that we were to move back to our hometown and become involved in the church there.

We gave up prosperous jobs including even

more profitable offers for the future. Again, we had no income and nobody was lining up to hire us in the ministry. We were just obeying the last thing God told us to do.

We became involved in the church by volunteering for every available opportunity to serve. We served with passion and diligence. We worked hard! Eventually, we became the pastors of that church.

We also knew from early in our walk with God that we were called to help Jim and Kathleen Kaseman and the ministry of AFCM. We have endeavored to remain faithful to that calling and God has blessed us!

Our obedience to God has positioned us to help hundreds of ministers and churches. We developed ministry to the youth in AFCM and founded Xtreme Passion. It has been an incredible adventure!

Sometimes people do not fully understand my loyalty to AFCM. I serve others because of love, but I am following Jesus. He is the head of the church, not any man, woman, or organization.

My loyalty to those with whom I am divinely connected is a result of my commitment to following God's plan for my life. It has not always been easy, but it always pays to obey!

Life is not about getting what you think you deserve or being treated justly. Sometimes life is not fair. You must be committed to doing the right thing regardless of the cost. You must trust and obey God. You must work hard!

Once again, we find ourselves being led by God into something new. We are starting Xtreme Passion Training Center in September, 2007. We have also started a new church in Great Falls, Montana. As always, we will trust and obey the Lord. And work hard!

"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love..." (Hebrews 6:10)

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Jim Kaseman, Brad Brede

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