

## Truth In Troubled Times

# GOD HAS A PURPOSE—HE'S ACCOMPLISHING HIS PLAN

### *Proverbs 16:4 and other Scriptures*

Bad things in your life don't hinder God's plan for you; they help accomplish it

## LET'S GET STARTED

Life is hard. No matter who you are or how God has blessed you, you will experience adversity somewhere along life's path. We all do. Thankfully, God's Word offers much needed encouragement to followers of Christ. In this message, we will learn that, no matter what happens to you, God's plan is unfolding right on schedule.

Job 5:7—Yet man is born to trouble as surely as sparks fly upward.

## LET'S HEAR THE WORD

The LORD works out everything for his own ends—even the wicked for a day of disaster. (Proverbs 16:4)

### Three really big and important facts:

- The universe was created for Jesus Christ, and He \_\_\_\_\_ it (Colossians 1:15-17).
- God had a purpose for creating the universe: to \_\_\_\_\_ Him \_\_\_\_\_ (Revelation 4:11).
- God causes everything that happens in life to ultimately \_\_\_\_\_ to His glory (Proverbs 16:4).

## Quotable

*The Bible's dominant conviction about God, a conviction proclaimed from Genesis to Revelation, is that behind and beneath all the apparent confusion of this world lies his plan.*

—J. I. Packer

*One of the marks of spiritual maturity is the quiet confidence that God is in control—without the need to understand why He does what He does.*

—Charles Swindoll

### If you would like to know more

*It's Not About Me*, by Max Lucado (Integrity Publishers, 2004)

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## WHAT IS GOD DOING IN TROUBLED TIMES?

- God uses every event and circumstance in your life to bring about what's \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 8:28— And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

- The very best thing that can happen to you is for you to become \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 8:29— For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

This includes:

Your \_\_\_\_\_

Your \_\_\_\_\_

Your \_\_\_\_\_

Your \_\_\_\_\_

- One day your questions about everything that's happened to you will all be \_\_\_\_\_ and you'll like the answer.

1 Corinthians 13:12- Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

Psalms 119:68—You are good, and what you do is good; teach me your decrees.

## LET'S LIVE IT

When life is hard, let's lean upon what we know about God, His sovereignty, and His goodness, and let's trust Him with the outcome.

If you would like to speak to any of our Pastors about a spiritual need in your life, here is their contact information:

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