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***Today’s Message:* MAKE PLANS, Part 1B – *“Defining Plans”* – *Pastor Scott***

Text Scriptures:

Proverbs 20:5

Proverbs 21:5

Jeremiah 29:11

*Recap of Last Week’s Message:*

Plans = “a scheme of action, or a procedure.”.

- Goals vs. Plans

Planning = “identifying or outlining a scheme of action for your faith”. (faith for the future!)

- Those with a vision will plan!

- Plans help you to focus your faith.

- Plans are a way to get others involved in your vision and agree with your faith.

God is a Planner:

- Genesis 1 and John 1 – “In the beginning, God …”

- Genesis 1:26 – “Let us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness.”

- “The plan of salvation” – How long and carefully God planned for Jesus to come and salvation to be made available to every man!

- God’s plan for the Ark, given to Noah. (Genesis 6:13-7:5)

- God’s plan for Joseph and for delivering the descendants of Abraham through a famine. (Genesis 41)

- God’s detailed plans for the Tabernacle, shared with Moses. (Exodus 35-40)

- God’s plans for the Temple, as given to David and Solomon. (I Kings 6:38, I Chronicles 28:11-12)

*Today’s Message:*

- God had plans for Jonah. (Jonah 1:1,17)

- God had plans for other O.T. men and women.

- God had great plans for Jesus’ arrival on the earth! Through the Angel, Gabriel, He shared them with Mary and Joseph. (Luke 1:26-37, and Matthew 1:20-25)

- God planned for Mary, Joseph, and Jesus to go to Egypt and take refuge there until King Herod died.

 - Provision of the wise men.

 - God warned Joseph and gave him instructions in a dream. (Matthew 2:13-14)

- Jesus spend time praying/communing with the Father for hours, before going on to His next destination/ministry opportunity. (Matthew 14:13, 22-23)

- Jesus made plans to cross the Sea of Galilee. (Mark 4:35-5:1) Another time, He sent the disciples on ahead, planning to join them later when He walked across to them on the water! (Matthew 14:22-27, 34)

- Jesus made plans for the care of His mother, while He was dying on the Cross. (John 19:25-27)

- God made plans for Saul to become the Apostle Paul. (Acts 9:3-6, 10-15)

- Paul made plans for collecting an offering for the believers in Jerusalem. (II Corinthians 8)

- Jesus made plans for the Day of Pentecost, and for the starting of the Church.

 (Acts 1:4-8; Acts 2:1-4; Acts 2:5-12, 37-41)

- Jesus made plans for discipling the believers who came into the Church, and for providing them with leadership and direction. (Ephesians 4:11-16)

- God has plans for the End Times! (The book of Revelation)

Psalm 13:12 – “Hope deferred make the heart \_\_\_\_\_\_, but desire fulfilled is a \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_!”

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