

## God's Purposes.

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**Romans 8:28;** “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to his purpose.”

True story: In November 1975, 75 convicts came up with a plan to escape, and they started digging a secret tunnel designed to bring them up at the other side of the wall of Saltillo Prison in northern Mexico. On the 18<sup>th</sup> of April 1976, guided by their pure genius, they tunneled up into the nearby courtroom in which many of them had been sentenced! I mean think about this: I don't know who was more surprised, them, or the judges who returned all 75 back to jail? The moral of the story is that, left to our own plans, we may well also turn up in the most unlikely of places. God has a great purpose and plan for you, and He is committed to making it become a reality, but in order for Him to do that you must do your part which may very well go against how you think it should go. Let me ask you a question: What do you do when you have, out of the blue, been head-hunted for a handful of job opportunities/possibilities? Let me know below here how you dealt with that because I am trying to understand it. Likewise, how do you determine which of them is God's plan, will, or calling for your life? Easy to do? Mmm ... no! But perhaps you have the solution of which I look forward to reading. But whilst we know that God has a purpose for our lives and a destiny for us to fulfil, we know too that, above all else, His ultimate desire is that we love Him. That's it. Should we choose the wrong option as far as an opportunity is concerned, or take the wrong fork in the road (where perhaps the call was to take on the church in Randburg and you took the Corporate Director post in Cape Town) He has promised us that He will remain in there with us irrespective of our decision. Listen, despite what you might have been taught, God is your heavenly Dad, and He will certainly not disown you for being human! If you are willing to do what He calls you to do (how we determine what that is a good question and people have written books on it – most with different opinions), He will open up doors of opportunity for you. When He does, you will see that one of the greatest things in the Christian life is to be used by God. But finally here's the deal: God's ultimate plan for your life involves you radically pursuing your relationship with Him. At points, literally at our wits end, we cry out; “God, show me the plans You have for me”! But whilst He may give us an inkling of understanding through a vision or a text, He never lets us in to the complete purpose and plan. Perhaps like me, you have heard Him say in the core of your being in answer to prayer; “my boy/girl, the plan is this ... just trust me”! Scripture makes it perfectly clear stating that; “Now we see in part; then we shall see in full, and we will know as we are fully known.” So as we close, what this says to us is this: that although we don't know what the plan is, we know the One who does.