

DISCOVERING YOUR DESTINY

“...that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.”
~ Colossians 4:12

Part 3: Get In The Game!

Introduction – A Blueprint vs. A Game Plan

- A BLUEPRINT is _____ and is followed to the _____ detail.
- A GAME PLAN sets the _____, but has room for personal improvisation and _____.
Also, A GAME PLAN is not all about _____ but about your role within the team.

Deuteronomy 1:26; Isaiah 30:15; Matthew 6:10; 23:37; Luke 7:30;
Acts 7:51; Ephesians 4:30; Hebrews 3:8.

Learning The Game Plan In Three Parts

- GOD’S SOVEREIGN WILL: *How God has ultimately decided to run the universe in order to achieve his _____ goals.*
- GOD’S MORAL WILL: *How God _____ all people and _____ his children to live.*
- GOD’S INDIVIDUAL WILL: *How God desires and plans to use a _____ person to help accomplish his sovereign will. This may have varying degrees of _____ for different people and at different points in our lives.*

A Good King, A Good Shepherd, & A Good Father...

Ancient Mythology 101 – Clearing Something Up

Proverbs 3:5-6; Isaiah 30:20-21

The Pyramid Of Priorities Vs. The Funnel Of Faith

1 Thessalonians 4:3; 5:18; 1 Peter 2:15; 1 Corinthians 10:31

Conclusion – The Privilege & Responsibility Of Faith

Romans 11:17-22

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP...

1. After reviewing this week’s teaching, share what one thing most inspired, perplexed, or challenged you.
2. What does it feel like for you to believe that God may not have a definite plan for all the details of your decisions, but instead wants you to freely choose your own path within the boundaries of his revealed principles? Freeing? Frightening? What else?

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

Read **Galatians 4:1-11**.

3. Trace Paul’s development of the concept of moving from young child of God needing more detailed instruction toward becoming a mature child of our Father living with less rules but the same principles. Point out the examples of this development. How does this apply to knowing God’s will?
4. What does the word “sent” in **verse 4** tell us about the beginning of Jesus life on earth? How does this suggest he was more than an average human?
5. According to **verse 9**, the Galatian believers were turning away from grace and back to “**weak and miserable principles**” (NIV). a) What principles were Paul referring to? (Also see chapters 2 & 3 for more details.) b) What are some “**weak and miserable principles**” that entice Christians back into spiritual slavery today? c) Why are they “**weak**”? d) Why are they “**miserable**”? (See v. 15a.)

SO WHAT?...

6. Read **Ephesians 5:10**. Take 2-3 minutes to quietly let God remind you of those areas of your life in which you tend to live for your own pleasure rather than God’s. Share your struggles if you like. Do *pray* for each other in your areas of challenge.