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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

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This is What I'm Going to Do

JEREMIAH 29:11 NKJV – (11) For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

JAMES 4:13-14 NKJV – (13) Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; **(14)** whereas you do not know what *will happen* tomorrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.

PROVERBS 27:1 NKJV – (1) Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth.

Last weekend in a conversation with a dear friend, I caught myself explaining how completely unsure I was about so many things in my life 10 years ago. I didn't know where I would be living 10 years from then. I didn't know who I'll end up with. I wasn't sure if I would have a family then. Five years ago I knew the precise answer to all of that, but as I said it aloud, I realized: not knowing what you need doesn't mean you're lost. It might mean you're so trusting of yourself, so connected to your own values that you're up for life's adventure. Maybe you trust something bigger to create plans way greater than you ever imagined... but it requires getting out of your comfort zone and trusting God. It requires listening. It's scary and uncomfortable. And you're pretty sure you'll be drawn into a giant, failure-ridden hole. And then before you know it, you realize the universe will *always* catch you. And then the ultimate questions? Is this God's plan for my life? Is it about me or is it about Him?

God planned your destiny long before you were even born. He planned it from the foundation of the earth. **Psalms 139:16** reads, "*All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be*". God created you for your destiny, and your destiny is part of a long plan that extends before and after you. You can trust God on that. Why? Because the Messiah did come, he came through Mary, and he died for our sins just as it was promised. And that is why we can fulfill our destiny.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 SAMUEL 2:1-3

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Why pay for GPS? Jesus gives directions for free.