

The View from the Mountain Top
Deuteronomy 34:1-9, I Corinthians 3:1-9
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1. God's plans never go unfinished.
 - Sometimes it seems as if God's plan will never come to pass.
 - Sometimes it feels like life is on a detour.
 - God shows us what He wants to do, but everything seems to be going in the opposite direction.

Isaiah 46:9b-10 ***I am God, and there is none like me, 10 declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,'***

- Let's look at examples of when it seemed God's plans were thwarted.
- **MLK Birthday. January 29, 1929. Other end of his life.**
- *"Well, I don't know what will happen now. We've got some difficult days ahead. But it doesn't matter with me now. Because I've been to the mountaintop. And I don't mind.
Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will.
And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the promised land.
I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the promised land.
So I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."*
- Mason Temple, Memphis, TN. April 3, 1969.
- Lorraine Motel

■ The Civil Rights movement continued without him and made great progress.

■ We still have a way to go, but God will accomplish His purpose.

■ Dr. King was referring to the life of Moses.

2. Joshua led the people into the promised land

Deuteronomy 31:23 ***And the Lord commissioned Joshua the son of Nun and said, “Be strong and courageous, for you shall bring the people of Israel into the land that I swore to give them. I will be with you.”***

■ It was never about Moses or Moses’ plan. It was about God’s plan.

3. Solomon built the temple.

II Chronicles 3:1 ***Then Solomon began to build the house of the Lord in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the Lord had appeared to David his father, at the place that David had appointed, on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.***

II Chronicles 8:16 ***Thus was accomplished all the work of Solomon from the day the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid until it was finished. So the house of the Lord was completed.***

■ It was never about David or David’s plan. It was about God’s plan.

4. Paul planted, Apollos watered, God made things grow.

I Corinthians 3:6 ***I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow.***

■ It was never about Paul or Paul’s plan.

It was never about Apollos. It was about God’s plan.

5. Jesus Christ fulfils God's plan.

Luke 24:21 ***But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened.***

- Jesus Christ is at the center of God's plan for history.
- Jesus Christ is at the center of God's plan for your life.

6. God's plans for you are good.

Jeremiah 29:11 ***For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.***

- Sometimes it may seem that God's good plan for you won't come to pass.
- Things seem to go in the other direction.
- Tragedy. Health problems. Death of a loved one. Financial challenges ...
- We sang about this in "The Church's One Foundation"
*Tho' with a scornful wonder,
The world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.*

*Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.*

7. God's plans never go unfinished.

Romans 8:28-29 ***And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.***

- The promise is not that only good, pleasant things will happen in your life.
- The promise is that God will work all things for Good.
- ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE. His plan.
- It was never about you or your plans.
- It was never about me or my plans.
- It's about God's plan.

Philippians 1:6 ***And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.***