

Unstoppable Life

Unstoppable Purpose

"For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love. By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses. Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him. For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm. The LORD foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples. But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations."

Psalm 33:4-11

"Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD'S purpose that prevails."

Proverbs 19:21

"I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please."

Isaiah 46:9-10

"God is mighty, but does not despise men; he is mighty, and firm in his purpose."

Job 36:5

It is God's unstoppable purpose to bring us everlasting life through the grace and love He has poured out in Jesus Christ. This prevailing purpose includes both the present experience and future fulfillment of having life:

1. in community

2. under authority

3. with responsibility

We embrace the direction and power of God's purpose for our lives by choosing:

1. continuing renewal

2. consistent initiative

3. confident expectation



CONNECTION QUESTIONS

for personal study & individual reflection,
and small group discussion & comment

“Unstoppable Purpose” - Psalm 33:4-11; Proverbs 19:21;
Isaiah 46:9-10; Job 36:5; Philippians 1:3-6, 2:12-13;
Romans 12:1-3; Hebrews 6:13-18

1. The Bible uses words like “firm”, “prevailing”, “unchanging”, “set”, and “eternal” to describe God’s purpose for life. What do these words tell us about the nature of God’s plan? What questions do they make us want to ask about God’s purpose for us?

2. Proverbs 19:21 says that, “many are the plans in a man’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.” What does this verse tell us about our struggle to know and embrace God’s prevailing purpose in our lives? What are some of the “many plans” in your life that have not worked out like you thought they would when your heart desired them?

3. Jesus, the apostles and prophets reveal the testimony of Scripture that our ultimate destiny is to be defined by the realities of “kingdom” and “family”. What do these concepts reveal about God’s ultimate purpose for us? What kind of unstoppable life does a lasting family and kingdom provide?

4. A purpose or a plan is one thing, the ability to pull it off is another. Every “good purpose” must overcome serious obstacles and opposition to move from thought or wish into a reality. What does the Isaiah 46:9-10 say about God’s ability to turn His good purposes into reality? What does Job 36:5 add to this? How does God use His unmatched power to fulfill His firm purpose and yet “not despise men”?

5. Philippians 1:6 says that the Lord “who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” Where does our confidence lie that we will get to the finish line of God’s purpose? How do we move with the prevailing wind of God’s purpose and cooperate with the loving direction He wants to lead us?

6. Paul writes in Philippians 2:12-13, that we “work out” what God “works in” us with regard to His saving purpose for our lives. This working out on our part involves “willing and acting” with God in embracing His good purpose. In what ways are you conscious of willing and acting to line up with what God wants to do in your life? Where do you need to apply a little more effort “with fear and trembling” to work with God’s will for today?
