

Invitation to the Master Plan

In the book of Mark in the New Testament we see an invitation from Jesus extended to two fishermen, Peter and Andrew. It went something like this:

'As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon [Peter] and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.' *Mark 1:16-20 NIV*

Jesus' invitation to Peter and Andrew has also been extended to us. It is an opportunity to make a difference in the world. It is a chance to make our lives count for something. We can be a part of something so much bigger than ourselves.

And yes, the God of the Bible is the One behind this Master Plan. He started it...and His plan will succeed. Sometimes it does seem like God's plan is hard to understand. I am sure that there are areas in your life that you may wonder 'Where is God?' 'What does God want from me?' Knowing that there is a larger plan at work may not make this any easier to digest. Check out these two versions of the same quote from the book of Psalms:

'The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him, and He will show them His covenant.' *Psalms 25:14 NKJV*

'God-friendship is for God-worshippers; they are the ones He confides in.' *Psalms 25:14 MES*

Simply by entering into friendship with God, we can know the Master Plan. You might even be further surprised to know that God actually wants you to be involved in His Master Plan, although it appears to be a mystery and has been for many centuries. Paul in his letter to the Christ-followers in Colosse helps us understand:

'To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.' *Colossians 1:27*

Friendship with God happens when Jesus (the One giving the invitation) is alive in you. This does not happen over night. But it can start right now if you want it to. So...would you like to be a part of the Master Plan? If so, invite Jesus into your life...and watch the mystery unfold before you as you 'follow Him'. In the book of Jeremiah God says, "For I know the plans I have for you. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." If you believe that He does have a plan for you and want to accept this invitation to His master plan here is a prayer that may help you:

PRAYER: Hey Jesus, I would like to be a part of your Master Plan. I would like to be in on the mystery. I realize that it is You living in me that will reveal the answers to all of my hard questions. So I invite you into my world, my life, and my heart. Teach me how to follow You. Thank you for the invitation. In Your name, Amen.