What Is Your Part In God's Plan?

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INTRODUCTION

- God had a great plan. And in the fullness of times, Jesus came.
- I want to talk about appreciating God's plan and exactly what that means in 2015.

1 No Such Thing as a Small Part

Acts 13:36; Mark 12

- I want to suggest to you that there's no such thing as a small part in God's plan.
- He served the purpose of God in his generation.
- That's what you and I are to do in God's plan is to serve his purpose in our generation.
- We're still learning from her example. 2,000 years later. Don't tell me what this widow did was insignificant.

2 God Had a Plan for Me

Galatians 1:15; Psalm 139:3; Psalm 139:16

- When he who had set me apart even from my mother's womb and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his son in me, that I might preach him among the Gentiles.
- The Lord is intimately acquainted with all your ways.
- Thine eyes have seen my unformed substance. And in thy book, they were all written. The days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them.
- It is amazing that he can use the likes of me and you to begin with.

3 Christ in You: Be Imitators of the Lord

Colossians 1:27; 1 Corinthians 11:1; Ephesians 5:18

- Christ in you, the hope of glory, Paul says in Colossians chapter 1 and verse 27. Let Jesus be seen in you.
- Here's what all of us in this audience can do this morning. This is God's will for you. Be imitators of the Lord.
- All of our ways, all of our words, all of our thoughts, all of our deeds, reflecting that we are in Christ.
- This is our role in God's plan. Let Jesus be seen in me.

4 Vessels for Honor

2 Timothy 2:19–21; 1 Thessalonians 4

- He goes on to talk about vessels for honor. Set apart for the Lord, useful to the master.
- We have to prepare ourselves to be the instruments that God uses.

- We have been bought with a price. Therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.
- I am determined to be, this is God's intention for me, that I be a vessel for honor.

5 The Rescue of a Soul

James 5:19–20; 1 Peter 4; Proverbs 25:11

- We can speak the words and take the actions that will lead to the rescue of a soul.
- We believe in the providence of God in reaching the lost. Well, who is he going to use? Perhaps his intention is to use you.
- He who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.
- How valuable can it be to simply offer a timely word when it is needed? A word of cheer, a word of encouragement, a word of help.

6 Your Role Matters

1 Corinthians 12; Psalm 119:33; 2 Timothy 2:11–12

- God gives more abundant honor to the member that lacks, he says in 1 Corinthians 12.
- Your role matters. I can say that to every one of you. Your role matters as you live by faith.
- And so we do what we can where we can and let God worry about the harvest.
- When people start thinking, my role isn't significant, and I'm just going to throw in the towel. The only person encouraging that is the devil.

THE CHALLENGE

Your significant role in God's plan. Don't ever discount it. Or think it's small.

MY NOTES