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THE FEAR of CHANGE
Our Plans and God's Purposes
Learning to Dance with God
PROVERBS 19:21

"Any change, at any time, for any reason, is to be deplored."
-The Duke of Cambridge (late 1800s)

Adaptability Scale - 0= Rigid ←-----→10=Adaptable

The Dynamic Tension → Our _____ and God's _____.

"Never trust a spiritual leader who cannot _____."

- *The Plot to Kill Jesus* JOHN 11:45-45

Since God's Purposes Prevail...

1. LEARN the _____ GALATIANS 5:25; 16, 22, 23

Man's Plans build new _____.
God's Purposes build new _____.

- GALATIANS 4:19; 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17; PHILIPPIANS 4:12, 13
- **When Faith is Forbidden** – TODD NETTLETON, *Voice of the Martyrs*

Since God's Purposes Prevail...

2. LET GOD _____ ISAIAH 41:13; PROVERBS 16:9; PROVERBS 3:5; ISAIAH 55:8, 9;

Since God's Purposes Prevail...

3. LISTEN for GOD'S _____ JOHN 16:3; REVELATION 2:7

Since God's Purposes Prevail...

4. DEVELOP _____ **INTERACTION** COLOSSIANS 1:28, 29

"_____ are hard to move. _____ are hard to lead."
–NICK KANAKIS

- JEREMIAH 29:11; REVELATION 21:5

➤ *Next Time: Freedom from the Fear of _____*



LIFE GROUP STUDY NOTES
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GETTING STARTED *"In your opinion..."*

1. What do you remember about this week's message that was helpful or needed clarifying?
2. What makes someone really want to change, and what makes others not want to change?
3. What changes have you made in your life that have been good changes? Any changes turn out to be not so good?
4. What are the emotional and financial costs of change? What kind of "margins" should we build in reserve to accommodate change?

GOING DEEPER *"According to the Bible..."*

Answer the following questions from what the Bible says in the suggested reading

- **Read John 11:45-53. What kept the religious leaders from embracing the obvious supernatural change that Jesus brought?**
- **Read Daniel 1:6-20. What change did Daniel encounter? How did he successfully handle it?**
- **Read Romans 8:28, 29. What is promised for those who live according to God's purpose? What is God's purpose for believers as described in verse 29?**
- **Read Romans 9:20, 21, and 2 Timothy 2:20. What two types of purposes are described here? To whom does this apply? Who decides what purpose each person has? How might that affect our plans?**
- **Read 1 Corinthians 3:5-9. What is the metaphor describing here? What is the common purpose all believers have?**
- **Read Numbers 22:21-35. What kept Balaam from accepting the change his donkey thrust upon him? What changes can this donkey represent in our life? What positive things might these changes signal that we don't immediately see?**

LIVING OUT

- **What are you planning to do to increase your margins to accommodate inevitable change?**