

1-15-17 Message
ADJUSTMENTS ARE NECESSARY:
In My Plans
Unit 8 Day 2 in Experiencing God

Adjusting My Life Plans

- What adjustments did Moses have to make before he could deliver the people of Israel from Egyptian slavery?
 1. His life before God's call to adjust his life plans
 - a. Ex 2:11-14 – He was rejected as a l_____ by the Egyptians and the Hebrews
 - b. Ex 2:15-22 – He made a new life in Midian as a s_____, married, and had kids, living there for 40 years.
 2. His personal adjustments of his life plans
 - a. L_____ the shepherd life and return to Egypt
 - b. L_____ God's people
- Are adjustments only required for leaders?
 1. The stories in the Old Testament
 - a. Most focus on the l_____ adjusting, like prophets, judges, kings, and priests.
 - b. Within the stories God required the p_____ to adjust under these leaders (e.g. Hebrew slaves - Ex 19:5,6)
 2. The New Testament
 - a. Acts records life adjustments made by a_____.
 - b. Every letter is addressed to a particular c_____ often calling for major adjustments.
- What life plans have you had to adjust in order to be obedient to God?
Are their life adjustments you need to make, but are resisting?

Adjusting My Prayer Plans

- Acts 13 prayer meeting
 1. The church of Antioch was f_____ and praying.
 2. God answers, "Set a_____ for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."
 3. True or False – the church could stop praying.
 4. What prayer plans might God now require from them?
- Prayer is hard work
 1. Keep on asking, seeking, k_____ - Matt 7:7
 2. Pray without c_____ - 1Thess 5:17
 3. Pray for your e_____ - Matt 5:44
 4. Pray so that you won't fall to t_____ - Matt 26:41
 5. Pray for o_____ - James 5:16
 6. Paul informed most churches that he along with others were praying for them (Rom 1:8,9; 1Cor 1:4-7; 2Cor 1:11; Eph 1:15-17; Phil 1:3-5; Col 1:3-6; 1Thess 1:2-7; 2Thess 1:3,4).
- How prayer works in relationship to God's work
 1. God m_____ us to pray
 2. We a_____ our plans to pray diligently
 3. We c_____ to pray and share with others
 4. We a_____ God working
 5. God w_____ according to our prayers
 6. We p_____ God for working

Adjusting My Financial Plans

● Hebrew slaves who were freed from Egypt

1. The Egyptians gave them their w_____ (Ex 12:36)
2. God asked the Hebrew people whose hearts s_____ them to give it for the tabernacle of God (Ex 35:21).

● The Jerusalem Church

1. _____ Jews were saved - most were nonresidents (Acts 2:41)
2. They sacrificed their property to meet the n_____ of the new believers so they could remain to be nurtured (Acts 2:42,45)

● The church at Antioch

1. The people within the church l_____ their hands on the missionaries – an acknowledgment that they (as a church) were part of God’s plan of bringing the gospel to the world.
2. The people within the church s_____ them away (not a goodbye, but financial support – see Rom 15:24).

● How are we to make financial plans? Listen to Jesus’s words in Lk 16:11:

So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? (NIV)

1. Many complain about Jesus’s question without answering it.
2. Answer Jesus’s question and the following:
 - a. *Do your finances have a hold on you, or do you have a hold on your finances?*
 - b. *How do your finances demonstrate that you are dedicated to Jesus’s command as given in Matt 6:19,20?*

● If we are good stewards, then when situations arise where God calls us to sacrifice, we will be c_____ givers (2Cor 9:7).

Conclusion:

When God calls you to adjust your life plans, your prayer plans, and/or your financial plans, get excited about being His instrument and adjust!