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BEST LAID PLANS and GOD'S TIMING

Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand.
Proverbs 19:21 ESV

What plans have you made today? Many plans are made to make changes in your life because perhaps you are frustrated the way things are, or you felt your life was going in a wrong direction. We can make our own plans and we can choose our own path. God gives us the freedom to do that.

Even with our plans, life is full of changes and challenges and it doesn't always go as we expect it to – just look at last year! Life is going to throw you curveballs, and you're going to strike out many times. Remember the old saying? *The best laid plans of mice and man so often go awry!*

Our choices and plans are important though. What we choose today will impact success or even failure in the future. Hopefully, our choices are things we'd be proud of in a few years and are in accordance with God and His plan and purpose for your life. We can learn from changes, failures, and interruptions in our plans from Biblical examples of God's people who were directed by Him and from our own personal histories and experiences. Naomi only planned for Ruth to glean for their food, but God had a better future planned with Boaz. Esther's plans were to save her people, but God's plan gave her all the lives of her enemies. Joseph's jealous brothers had only evil intentions of selling their brother to travelers, but God had greater plans for Joseph at the palace.

One thing we need to remember is our plans are not always God's plan for us, or our plan is small compared to His. God's plans are always going to be good. It's when we choose to follow God, follow His plan and purpose for our life that we really experience a life of meaning and purpose. Are you seeking His will for your life when you make choices? If not, consider asking God for His help when you're faced with a choice to make.

Of course, I'm speaking to Christians here. Non-Christians will go their own way, make their own choices, and face their own consequences. So, unless the counsel of the Lord is included in your plans, they will not happen. Only His counsel will stand.

But remember, our timing is not God's timing. Our plans may not happen when we want them to happen. God's timing of our plans may take much longer. He may have more steps we must go through first, and we must continue to have faith and patience. Remember, too that:

- TIME is a blessing and gift from the Lord.
- TIME is not under our control.
- TIME is a challenge to use for God's purposes.

We'll hear more on this subject of God's timing at the Retreat. The Bible Study leader at the Retreat will be Judy Huber, who is an educator, pastor's wife, Bible study leader, officer/member of the LWML, and has served on various church boards, such as Outreach and the Board of Christian Education.

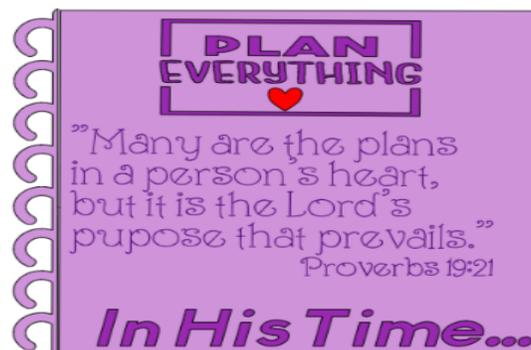
She and her husband, Rev. Timothy Huber, are retired after serving congregations in Michigan, Illinois, Oregon, and Lodi and Modesto, California. They moved to Pine Grove, CA, in 2013 to enjoy the Sierra Foothills area in the historic Gold Country with its picturesque wineries, but primarily to be closer to many of their nine grandchildren.

Earlier in her teaching career, Judy was a middle school teacher of Language Arts, French, and Home Economics in Hillsboro, Oregon. A highlight of those years was being a committee member and leader of the annual women's retreats for Trinity Lutheran Church.

Being involved in small group Bible study has always been a priority and commitment for her. During the 12 years at St. Peter congregation in Lodi, CA, she served as one of the early leaders in a large Women's Bible Study Program which evolved into the founding of the *LifeLight* In-depth Bible Study Program, published by CPH. She also organized the small group Bible study ministry at Grace Lutheran Church in Modesto.

Judy says, "Our retirement time has been unexpectedly very full and busy!" She and her husband are involved in their grandchildren's activities, homeschooling during the pandemic, and numerous ministries at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Jackson, CA. Her husband currently is Interim Pastor of Immanuel and Judy is serving as Christian Growth Chair for the LWML Circle, leading a monthly Crafts for Missions Group, and also volunteering and teaching at the local Community Christian School in Pine Grove. She gives God praise and thanksgiving for guiding her steps and busy days "In His Time" and for His Purpose.

You'll want to hear what Judy shares about the Retreat Theme and Scripture.



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