

## 2015 Lighting the Way! Part 1

Genesis 6.5-6 The Lord saw the wickedness of man was great in the earth and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord regretted that He made man on the earth and it grieved Him in his heart...

Isaiah 8.14, 9.1,2 And He will become a sanctuary and stone of offense and a rock of stumbling to both houses of Israel, a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem... but there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish... *the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them a light has shone...*

Isaiah 53.2-10 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces, he was despised and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our grief and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned— every one— to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. *Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.*

*We have who have come to the light must now go and take the light to those who are still waiting!*

How does this all fit into “The Great Plans I Have For You?” All of God’s plans for us *are discovered* in His one Great Plan... That we follow Him, daily, into the mission!

Matt 16.24,25 Mk 8.34, Luke 9.23 “If anyone will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, *daily, and follow Me*. For whosoever will save his life will lose it: *and whosoever will lose his life for my sake will find it.*”

John 10.3ff “I am the Great Shepherd. I call My sheep by name *and I lead them out. When we go out, I go before them and they follow Me for they know My voice. They won’t follow the voice of another*. I am the Good Shepherd and give My life for My sheep; *I know them and they know Me*. And the Father loves Me because I lay down My life for them!

Compendium: “If anyone serves Me, *let him follow Me; and where I am, there will my servant be*: if any man serves Me, him will Father honor. John 12.26 “*Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men!*” Mt 4.19 “Go, and on the way...” Unbelievable things will happen; miracles of healing, deliverance and provision!

The question has never been, ‘Does God have great plans for my life...?’ The question has always been, ‘Am I willing to let His plans unfold at the expense of unraveling mine?’ There is no way to know what great plans He has for you *until you are “out there” with Him!*

**“My plans...” Wanted to be a Doctor... And now I mend people for the work of their ministry! Eph 4.12  
Wanted to be rich... Found out life didn’t exist in the things I could possess! Lk 12.15 Wanted to build  
skyscraper’s... Now ‘flip’ “temples of worship” 1Cor6.19, Eph 2.20-22 and build barns for them to worship in!  
Luke 7.4,5 Wanted to be famous... Became a herald of Jesus! Rom 10.14-17 Wanted to be an influencer...  
Became an oracle of God! 1Pet 4.11 Wanted to be gorgeous... How beautiful are the feet of those who carry  
the good news! Rom 10.15 Wanted to travel the world... commune with nature... Now talk to the God of  
Creation! J14.23 Wanted to lead the way as a creative innovator in my craft... Now use everything God gave  
me to creatively lead His people! Wasn’t looking for a wife and family... just a good time... Given a wife of  
great worth, fathered two children, and fostered the faith of thousands!**

***Sharing my unraveled plans and works so that maybe you can see yours too!***

**Are you willing to let your plans unravel to uncover His?**

**As His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus, He prepared, planned, the good works we are to walk in! Eph  
2.10 But how can we know those good works unless we let Him show us His plan?**

**Can’t He just tell us His plans? *For approval?* Rom 8.13 Col 3.5 1C15.13 Who would say “yes?” How He brings  
us to life is a discovery! *For tweaking?* 1Cor2.16, Job 40.2 Is55.8 *For planning?* Heb 11.6 “Hey Noah, build a  
boat...” “Hey Abraham, let’s take a walk...” “Hey Nehemiah, how about a pony ride...” “Hey Paul... never  
mind... just follow Me!”**

***Not possible to please God w/o faith!***

**Before we can fully enter the mission and bear the light, we have to bring everything into the light... Are you  
willing to let the voices in your head be replaced by His?**

**He knows the plans He has for you; great plans... higher plans... all within your “resonance!”**

**1Corinthians 12.1ff “Now, concerning spiritual matters I don’t want you ignorant. You know you were once  
carried away by dumb idols as you were being led. I want you to understand that no one speaking by the  
Spirit says Jesus, and His ways, are cursed... Here it is, there are differing gifts of the Spirit for you... there are  
differing ministries laid out by Jesus... and there are different energizings (resonances) in all, given to all, by  
God!**