

God's Gifts at Christmas
Part 3: When God Messes Up Your Plans

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Three reasons why God messes up your plans:

1. God wants to get your attention

"But my people would not listen to me . . ." Psalm 81:11 (NIV)

There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death. Proverbs 16:25 (NIV)

2. God has a different plan for your life

"I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for." Jeremiah 29:11 (Message paraphrase)

- i. God's plan is BIGGER than our plan
- ii. God's plan is GREATER than our plan
- iii. God's plan is more REWARDING than any other plan in life

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." 1 Corinthians 2:9 (NLT)

3. God wants you to trust him

And without faith it is impossible to please God. Hebrews 11:6a (NIV)

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28 (NIV)

- i. God has a plan and purpose for your life
- ii. God will be with you no matter what you face
- iii. Trusting God is the most relaxed, rational, sane way to live

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV)

The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, O LORD, endures forever. Psalm 138:8 (NIV)

Thank you for being a part of *The Waters* this Christmas. Our Christmas prayer is that you may more fully know the love of God and his purposes for your life.

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What does *The Waters* believe and what does it value?

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Merry Christmas!



If you want to participate in a candlelight service on Christmas Eve, you have 2 choices. Our sending church, Grace Community Church (701 Kitty Hawk in UC) will have one at 6 pm. Charlie, our worship director, will be leading music on Christmas Eve at New Braunfels Church of the Nazarene located at 210 W. Klein Rd in NB.

George Burns said, "Look to the future because it's where you'll spend the rest of your life." We're looking toward the future of *The Waters* and that future includes "The Deep End". We'll begin talking more about "The Deep End" soon. Keep an eye out in the program and/or on the website for more information.

Prayer Team Would you like to deepen your relationship with Christ? Start with prayer. We have 2 ways you can pray with *The Waters*. One is to show up at 9:30 on Sunday morning and join our prayer circle. You don't even have to pray outloud, just join with us as we pray for Kelly, his message and *The Waters*. The second way is to sign up on the registration card indicating you're willing to pray for people who ask for prayer.

MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK: Now online!! Just go to WatersChurch.com and click on Verse of the Week and choose Series -Memory Verses.

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