



## **Dreaming With a Plan (God's Plan for You)**

**Big Question:** Are you dreaming of a future without a plan?

**Dream Series Summarized:**

- 1. God's Plan for You (Part 1)**
- 2. Your Plan for You**
- 3. Your Plan to have Enough** (Do you have enough?)
- 4. Your Plan to Build** (What is your plan to build your future?)
- 5. God's Plan to Build Us a Future**

### **I. The Hindrance to Habakkuk's Dream**

Habakkuk 1:1-4 (NKJV)

#### **1. He was Burdened**

- v1 The burden which the prophet Habakkuk saw. The Prophet's Question **2 O Lord, how long shall I cry, And You will not hear? Even cry out to You, "Violence!" And You will not save.**

#### **2. He was Surrounded With Strife**

- v3 Why do You show me iniquity, And cause me to see trouble? For plundering and violence are before me; There is strife, and contention arises.
- v4 Therefore **the law is powerless**, And justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; **Therefore perverse judgment proceeds.**

### **II. God's Plan for Habakkuk's Future**

Habakkuk 1:5-6 (NKJV)

#### **1. God Planned to Intervene**

- v5 "Look among the nations and watch—Be utterly astounded! For **I will work a work in your days Which you would not believe, though it were told you.**

#### **2. God Planned a Painful Solution**

- v6 For indeed I am raising up the Chaldeans, A bitter and hasty nation Which marches through the breadth of the earth, To possess dwelling places that are not theirs.



### III. God's Plan For Habakkuk Described Habakkuk 2:2–4 (NKJV):

#### 1. The plan of God was **written**

- 2 Then the Lord answered me and said: **"Write the vision** And **make it plain** on tablets, That he may run who reads it.

#### 2. The plan of God was **guaranteed**

- 3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because **it will surely come, It will not tarry.**

#### 3. The plan of God required **faith**

- 4 "Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But **the just shall live by his faith.**

### IV. Four Things That Could Have Easily Hindered God's Plan For My Future

#### 1. My Age

- I was **twenty-two** when I got married
- I was **twenty-three** when I started pastoring

#### 2. My Real Estate Exposure (Pastors manage a lot of real estate)

- I had never **closed a property** until our first facility on Eastbroad Street (I was 25 years old)
- I had only lived in **apartments** until I got married (I was 28 years old)

#### 3. My Business Experience

- I had **no business mentoring**
- I had no real **business or management experience** (But, I understood how to work)

#### 4. My Academic Strength (I was not mentored early in life to be an excellent student)

- I was a "C" student with "A" potential (All I needed was a plan)

### V. God's Plan That Changed My Life

1. He planned a new **social environment** for me (He gave me new **friends**)
2. He planned a new **academic environment** for me (He put me in a **fun** learning environment)
3. He planned a new **spiritual environment** for me (This made learning about God very **practical**)
4. He planned a new **love focus** for me (I came off the field and settled with **Diane**; the gift of my life)

**Next Time: Dreaming with a plan (Part 2)**

**Big Question: What is your plan for you?**

**Read Ahead: Luke 14:25–35**