



You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Psalm 16:11

If you're suffering through tough times, you may be asking yourself "Where do I go from here?" Perhaps you're pondering your future, uncertain of your plans, unsure of your next step. But even if you don't have a clear plan for the next step of your life's journey, you may rest assured that God does.

God has a plan for the universe, and He has a plan for you. He created you for a purpose, so I know He has a plan. He understands that plan as thoroughly and completely as He knows you. If you seek God's will earnestly and prayerfully, He will make His plans known to you in His own time and in His own way.

Sometimes, God's plans and purposes may seem unmistakably clear to you. If so, push ahead. But other times, He may lead you through the wilderness before He directs you to the Promised Land. So be patient and keep seeking His will for your life. When you do, you'll be amazed at the wonderful things that an all-powerful, all-knowing God can do.



Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, I pray that Your Will will be my will and Your priorities will be my priorities, and Your joy will be my joy. Help me to seek after You in all things and may Your Word guide me down the path

Unleash Your Faith



the end of which I cannot see. Help me to grow in faith and in wisdom every day. I pray this in Jesus' Name. Amen

➤ **Baptism expresses the inexpressible** (picture)

Baptism is not a hoop to jump thru but a relationship to celebrate
“We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” Romans 6:4

➤ **Baptism is a partnership with God**

Weddings do not ensure good marriages, nor does Baptism guarantee salvation

“Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.” Acts 16:30-31

➤ **Baptism produces a change in lifestyle**

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” Romans 12:2

Baptism Essentials

Full Attention – Give God your full attention in worship

Cultivate Intimacy – participate in a small group study.

Express Gratitude –by giving in proportion to your income.

Contribute – do your part by serving with your church family

Matthew 3:1-12

¹ In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea ² and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.” ³ This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

“A voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”

⁴ John’s clothes were made of camel’s hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. ⁶ Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹ And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

Estranged: when a harmonious relationship has been replaced by hostility or indifference: