

7th Grade Devotional 2



Jeremiah 29:1

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says Yahweh, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you hope and a future.

There is a plan. Has been since before the foundation of the earth. And God included a special purpose just for you. I know that is hard to believe sometimes, but it is true.

Since the beginning of time, we humans have excelled at derailing His plan and ruining our future. Adam and Eve were created to live in the garden and rule over God's creation but they became proud and greedy, yielded to temptation, and suddenly their special future was in jeopardy. And every human since them has followed in their footsteps. But God provides the way back to relationship with Him through Jesus. And through that relationship, we discover and live out the purpose that He has for our life.

In **1 Corinthians 12** Paul compares us to the parts of a body. Each part is important for the body to function properly. Therefore, if one member doesn't do their part, or tries to function in a role it is not designed for, things go haywire. An eye can't function as an ear. A hand can't be a kidney.

As we find our purpose and function within it, we find the peace and satisfaction that God intends for our lives.

We discover this place through the help of others and the direction of the Holy Spirit. Parents, teachers, pastors, coaches, family members, friends, and neighbors...there are many people throughout our lives who make a genuine commitment to help move us toward the special future that God has prepared. And we become a part of the cycle of blessing as we pass along the love and encouragement we have received to others as they amble along their journey.

Just as Paul encouraged Timothy:

2 Timothy 2:1-2

¹ You therefore, my child, be strengthened in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ² The things which you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit the same to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

Parents:

Your commitment to spend this time with your student in God's word will help them discover God's special future for their lives. Continue to encourage them to study the Bible outside of the time you spend together.