

GOD HAD A PLAN

“Lord, through all the generations
you have been our home!”

- **Psalms 90:1 (NLT)**

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“How long will you wander
before you come home?”

- **Jeremiah 31:22 (NCV)**

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**Here's the plan for us
this Christmas:**

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God wants you to live a
**maximum impact life by
pointing people toward
their home in Him.**

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“Go everywhere and announce
the message of God’s good
news to one and all.”

- Mark 16:15 (MSG)

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An Ordinary Life Lived out with an Extraordinary Plan

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**We can express tenacious
love for people who
just need a little help finding
home.**

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“For the Son of Man came to
find and restore the lost.”

- **Luke 19:10 (MSG)**

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“But God is so rich in mercy, He loved us so much that even though we were spiritually dead and doomed by our sins, He gave us back our lives again when He raised Christ from the dead—only by His undeserved favour have we ever been saved....”

- **Ephesians 2:4-5 (TLB)**

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Principle:

**Everyone can use a little
help finding home at
times in our lives.**

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**We can meet people's
revealed needs in the
spirit of Jesus.**

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“...Your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and give praise to your Father in heaven.”

- **Matthew 5:16 (TEV)**

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Practice:

**We can serve people
in practical ways that
will winsomely attract
them toward coming
home to God.**

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**We can maximize our
impact in people's lives
by connecting them with
origin—with their home—
God.**

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“Make the most of your chances to tell others the Good News. Be wise in all your contacts with them.”

- **Colossians 4:5 (TLB)**

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The Plan for This Christmas:

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We can ask God each day to help us see opportunities to make a difference in someone's life by meeting a revealed need and by loving them towards meeting an even deeper need.

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**Four parts to the plan
for this Christmas**

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1. LOOK

**Stop long enough for people
to come into focus.**

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“Jesus stopped in His tracks...[and]
said, ‘What can I do for you?’”

- **Mark 10:49, 51 (MSG)**

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2. LISTEN

**Stop long enough to hear
the call of God's voice in
your life first, then in others.**

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“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”

- **John 10:27 (NIV)**

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A description of your Christmas?

“We are usually surrounded by so much outer noise that it is hard to truly hear our God when He is speaking to us. We have often become deaf, unable to know when God calls us, and unable to understand in which direction He calls us.

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A description of your Christmas?

Thus, our lives have become
absurd...When, however, we
learn to listen, our lives
become obedient.”

- **Henri Nouwen**

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3. LEARN

Stop long enough to learn something new. Let go of your assumptions regarding yourself and then others.

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4. LOVE

Start each day with a willingness to connect others with “home”...the place where love is.

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“Jesus looked him hard in the
eye and He loved him.”

- **Mark 10:21 (MSG)**

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