

THE CORONA CHRONICLES: GOD'S UNPLANNED PLAN #1

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circumstances are:

The sum of the _____ and environmental factors connected to my life.

negative circumstances:

POSSESS _____.

DEFINE _____.

AFFECT _____.

IMPACT _____.

"I have been deprived of peace; I have forgotten what prosperity is. So I say, 'My splendor is gone and all that I had hoped from the LORD.' Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore, I will wait for him." Lamentations 3:17-18, 21-24 NIV

SO WHAT IS GOD UP TO IN THIS PANDEMIC?

GOD IS _____.

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:3-8

GOD IS _____.

"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ –to the glory and praise of God." Philippians. 1:9-11

GOD IS _____.

"Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters,^[6] that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard^[6] and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear... But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice." Philippians 1:12-14, 18

GOD IS _____.

"...for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." Philippians 1:19-21 NIV

GOD IS _____.

“Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel.”

Philippians 1:27 NIV

CULTURE

VS.

CHRIST

OUR JOY = A CERTAIN OF CIRCUMSTANCES A CERTAIN SET OF ATTITUDES

BLAME CIRCUMSTANCES FOR ACTIONS

TAKE RESPONSIBILITY/ACT RIGHT

ADVERSE CIRC. = INTERRUPTION

ADVERSE CIRC. = OPPORTUNITY

PEACE = ABSENCE OF ADVERSITY

REAL PEACE = IN THE MIDST OF IT

HAVE A RIGHT TO COMPLAIN

GIVE THANKS IN ALL THINGS

BIG IDEA:

WHEN EARTH'S WORST _____ MEN OF FAITH _____.

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“In this world you will have tribulation but take courage I have overcome the world.”

John 16:33 NIV

DISCUSSION:

HOW DO CIRCUMSTANCES NEGATIVELY INFECT RELATIONSHIPS?

WHAT ASPECT OF GOD’S UNPLANNED PLAN RESONATES WITH YOU PERSONALLY?

HOW DOES A STRONG SPIRITUAL LIFE HELP NAVIGATE THE UNEXPECTED?

WHAT MESSAGE OF CULTURE ARE YOU PERSONALLY VULNERABLE TO?

HOW DOES KNOWING THAT “WHATEVER HAPPENS” GOD’S PURPOSES ARE MOVING FORWARD IMPACT YOUR PERSPECTIVE ON THIS PANDEMIC?