



LOVE LINK LETTER

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God Has A Plan for Your Life

By 'Dave'

I was always told that God has a plan for my life. To be honest I was told so often that the words became just a phrase you hear in church. I didn't really have a grasp on the concept that God had a plan for me.

See, I was raised in a wonderful God centered home. One of my greatest memories is of my parents praying on their knees for me. What an impact to hear them pray. We went to church every time the doors were open. I was always active in our church youth groups. I learned respect for the church. You could say the church was a central focus of our family. As a teen I felt the call of God upon my life.

After a few years of working in retail sales and in the oil field I decided that I would fulfill my call of God. I went back to school at SNU and worked for a local church. Soon I was pastoring.

To make a long story short I was the pastor for two churches over the next several years.

At this point life threw some hard blows my way. I found myself in divorce court. I went through many phases. First anger - the result was handing in my Ministers License on my own accord. I also blamed God for allowing this to happen. Then depression set in. My motivation for life was gone. I had no need to live. My decisions were clouded by all of this. I started to use alcohol as a way of escape. I did a lot of things I am certainly not proud of. Over a period of time life was lost. I eventually found myself helpless and homeless.

I am blessed with two sons, a grandson and a future daughter-in-law. They say everyone needs a hero. I found that to be true in my son. He came to me with direction and love. He stood by me when the world I knew gave up on me. He helped me to get the help I needed so badly and would give support freely when it was needed.

It was at this point three years ago I realized I needed God. I cried out to the Lord with the only prayer I could muster - "GOD HELP ME!"

Life then began a new journey with the God I knew as a child. As my walk with Him grew, I grew. Doors started to open. Sometimes to my amazement. My supervisor at work, John Homer was a Wesleyan pastor who invited me to church. Soon I found myself teaching the adult SS Class. He felt that God spoke to him about my return to His calling. I worked under his leadership for two and half years. Again, the Lord opened doors. Jim Finch a friend who inspired me greatly, whom I worked with, introduced me to Pastor Stark.

In visiting with Pastor Stark on several different occasions and after a lot of prayer, God led me to Love Link. Here I find fulfillment of my calling at this point. I have my Ministers License, the first step on my journey back. I preach often and have the privilege of sharing my testimony. I also find great satisfaction in working with the recovery program. Some say I've given up all - everything to serve. I proudly say "Yes, I have". It's all about ministry.

Today I find myself closer to God than I ever thought possible. I find today my relationship with our Father affects all aspects of my life. He is my best friend, my hope, my comfort, but most of all, He is Savior - Again. He has brought new vision and wonderful friends into my life.

Yes, God always has a plan for redemption even in the lowest points of life.

I love Him supremely,
Ephesians 3:20,
Dave

If you'd like to have Dave come and share his story with your church or organization, please call him at 239-6219. He is one of several people that are available to share their testimony or about Love Link or Compassionate Ministries in general.



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