

In search of...Meaning in life

Jeremiah 29:11-14

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Memory Verse:

“You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” —Jeremiah 29:13

Childhood heroes—Willie Stargell, Roberto Clemente, Bo, Luke and Daisy Duke, Wonderwoman, Michael Jordan, Power Rangers, Iron Man, or Troy Polamalu. . .

Who were your heroes? _____

What happens when we stop dreaming?

When our child-like passion for the impossible dies, everything worth living for slowly suffocates as well.” —Eric Ludy

God knows the plans He has for us, but we don’t; therefore. . .

1. We **search** for meaning in life.

“He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.” —Ecclesiastes 3:11

- We try to make sense of our lives.

What do you wonder about? _____

What bothers you about life? _____

- Our search often begins with us.

TV, Movie, Media, Sports Heroes

Get a good education so you can get a good job and make lots of money so you don’t have to work hard. —Dad

Then what?. . .

Leo Tolstoy, author of *War and Peace*, 1st Order questions of life...

“Where did I come from?” “Where am I heading?” “Who am I?” “What is life about?”

2. Our Search must begin with God’s plans.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD. —Jeremiah 29:11

_____ Psalm 139

_____ Psalm 95:7

“Unless you assume a God, the question of life’s purpose is meaningless.”

—Bertrand Russell, atheist

“Without God life makes no sense.” —Andrei Bitov, a Russian novelist

3. All or nothing Search

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. —Jeremiah 29:13

An all out, honest search for truth leads to God.

(ex. Josh McDowell, C.S. Lewis, Lee Strobel)

What have you ever done with all your heart? _____

APPLICATION. . .

“Again the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.” —Matthew 13:45-46

“Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

—Matthew 18:3

- Dream big like a child.
- Seek God’s big dream for your life with all your heart.

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