

Unstressed: Letting
God Be God

Following Jesus

Ephesians 1:11



2 Essential Truths

- God is in _____
- God is _____

“In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, **Ephesians 1:11 (NIV84)**

“You [God] are good and do only good; teach me your decrees.” **Psalm 119:68 (NLT)**

Because God is good
and in control:

Your plans have _____



“Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.” **Proverbs 19:21(NIV84)**

“Look here, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit.” How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone...

... What you ought to say is, “If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that.”” **James 4:13–15 (NLT)**

“Since the Lord is directing our steps, why try to understand everything that happens along the way?” **Proverbs 20:24 (The Living Bible)**

Because God is good
and in control:

Your problems can have _____



“at present you are temporarily harassed by all kinds of trials and temptations. This is no accident—it happens to prove your faith, which is infinitely more valuable than gold”

1 Peter 1:6-7 (J.B. Phillips)

““He [God] comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.” 2

Corinthians 1:4 (NLT)

Because God is good
and in control:

Your prayers have _____



Why don't we get everything we pray for?

- _ God is not a _____
- _ People pray in _____
- _ You may ask of the _____

“... [God] is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of—indefinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes.” **Ephesians 3:20, (The Living Bible)**

“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.” **1 John 5:14-15 (NIV84)**

“... let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.” **Romans 12:2 (NLT)**