

Ordinary Time

Drifting

You need a vision, a plan, and will to live the kind of life that God wants for you.

Discussion Questions

1. Are you a “planner”? If yes, what do you like about planning? If no, what is it about planning that is difficult or turns you off?
 2. A person can be incredibly intentional about certain *parts* of their life without being intentional about their *life*. They could be driven at work, but “accidental” about their spiritual life. Are there *parts* of your life where you live “on purpose”? Discuss.
 3. Based off of what you know about God and the Church’s teaching, what do you believe is one aspect of God’s vision for your life? (Note: you don’t have to know everything, just based off of what you *do* know.)
 4. What are the primary obstacles that seem to get in the way of your living life “on purpose”? Are there people, events, or things that seem to derail your plan/God’s vision?
 5. When it comes to the Big Idea of discovering *God’s vision* for your life, what have you found are the issues? Is this a challenge? Is it simple? Why or why not?
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God in Real Life

1. What are three things that you want to be true about you, your relationships, and your relationship with God in five years? Please write these on a sheet of paper or type them into a document on a computer. What is one thing that you can do in each of these areas this week that will be a step towards making that vision a reality? Lastly, write down where you believe that you may find it difficult to do those “one things”. (For example, I want to be even closer friends with Jesus. One thing I can do this week is commit to reading the Gospel of Matthew for 15 minutes each night in the chapel. I anticipate that this will be difficult on Tuesday night, because our Tuesday night programing could go late.)

Be Transformed

The Bible instructs us to have a vision, plan, and will:

- A. Proverbs 29:18 states, “Where there is no vision, the people perish.”
- B. Jeremiah 29:12 states the famous promise of God, “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
- C. James 4 reminds us that, regardless of our plans, we need to lay them at the feet of the Lord’s will. “Now listen, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.' Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, 'If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.'”
- D. “Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans” (Proverbs 16:3).

To the Heart

The goal is rarely, if ever, our own will. He wants us to seek His will and His vision:

“Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself” (Matthew 6:33-34).