

HOMECELL NOTES

PLANS, PURSUITS, PURPOSE Part 2

13 SEPTEMBER 2020

WELCOME

Welcome all members who are joining the Homecell online.

WORSHIP

Challenge cell members to spend a few minutes in Worship before your ZOOM/Online Homecell starts. This will create the right atmosphere for your time together.

WORD

2021 will be a year of God's divine restoration and recovery!

2 Kings 7:1-2 NLT

"Elisha replied, 'Listen to this message from the LORD! This is what the LORD says: By this time tomorrow in the markets of Samaria, six quarts of choice flour will cost only one piece of silver, and twelve quarts of barley grain will cost only one piece of silver.' [2] The officer assisting the king said to the man of God, 'That couldn't happen even if the LORD opened the windows of heaven!'; But Elisha replied, 'You will see it happen with your own eyes, but you won't be able to eat any of it!'

Last week: We plan; God directs.

This week: A plan with no pursuit or action is simply just a good idea.

Ask a cell member to read 2 Kings 7:3-4

Q: The lepers were faced with a few courses of action. They ruled out the option to sit where they were. What can we learn from this?

- Sitting and worrying will just increase your worry
- Pursuing is doing something – 'why are we sitting here until we die?'
- The Hebrew word for **pursue** is to 'run after' or to 'follow after'
- We must act on our plans

Ask cell members to read 2 Kings 7:5-6, Psalm 119:105 and Hebrews 4:12

Q: Who or what should we pursue?

- Pursuing does not mean that you run ahead or act impulsively
- Pursuing is running after someone who is ahead
- God was already ahead of the lepers, they just had to pursue it
- God caused the path ahead to be opened
- If you haven't received a word from God, then make that your plan and pursue that
- We need to be a Word-based generation, led by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God
- You can't receive a word from God if you're not reading the Word of God.

Read Acts 9:17

- We should plan on a word from God, not a word from man. Man is limited in his understanding. God knows the end from the beginning and can do the impossible!
- Man can confirm a word from God. In this sense it is wise not to make decisions in isolation

Q: In your opinion, why is it that so few people have the courage to act on a word from God?

Ask a cell member to read Matthew 7:7

Every God-intervention has a God part and a man part.

We pursue our plans on God's word by:

1. Asking

Ask a cell member to read Ephesians 3:20

2. Seeking

Ask cell members to read Matthew 6:33 & 2 Chronicles 16:9

3. Knocking

Ask a cell member to read 2 Kings 7:8

Q: How would you advise someone to ask, seek and knock?

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WORKS

As a Homecell, identify the most pressing needs (among people in your immediate world) that should be addressed a.s.a.p. (include the following: food needs, people who are staying alone, marriage challenges, financial needs, business/career needs, emotional needs etc.) As a Homecell, how can you assist in meeting some of these needs?

