

“Connecting the Dots”

Jeremiah 29:11

Tuesday Bible Lunch

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Introduction: God has a plan for our lives. Jeremiah 29:11 is clear about this. In fact, the Bible says, “God’s plans for us are too numerous to list (Psalm 40:5b, NLT).

What makes this challenging is that we do not always see what is happening having anything to do with God’s plan for our life.

Life is like a puzzle. You put a puzzle together piece at a time. Until you get most of the pieces in place it does not all come together. When you get the majority of pieces in place, the remaining pieces become more obvious.

Life is much this way. Live long enough and you begin to start connecting the “dots” and God’s plan becomes clearer.

A good Bible example is Joseph. Piece by piece God accomplished His purpose in his life, but while it was happening I do not think Joseph had a clue how it would all work out as God planned.

- From the pit
- To the prison
- To the palace
- At some point all connected for Joseph and he connected the “dots.”

Joseph told his brothers, “You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good. God brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people” (Genesis 50:19-20, NLY).

Many times, things we consider coincidental are not coincidental. God is working to help us find His purpose for our life.

- You look back and see how the “dots” connected even though at the time you thought nothing about it.
- And then you start connecting the “dots.”

Illustration: Let me share a personal example that happened long ago (1970). At the time it happened I thought little of it having anything to do with God’s purpose for my life. Dottie and I were about to move to Seminary in Fort Worth. My home church invited me to come one Sunday evening and share what we were about to do. Something happened that night that would change my life the rest of my life as a minister. (To hear the story listen to the message on the church web page www.fbp.org).