



Umbrella Ministries

Helping mothers who have lost a child.

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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. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the LORD." Jeremiah 29:11-14

May I begin by challenging you to read every word found in Jeremiah 29:11-14, and think about what it says: He has plans for us. Plans to prosper us. Plans to give us hope and a future. He says that when we pray He will listen. When we seek Him with all our heart we will find Him. What mighty promises from God.

On a personal note: He has plans for me...with the loss of Danny I not only lost my plans of motherhood but I also lost my identity as Danny's Mom. Oh, I am still his mom, but now my son resides in heaven and the physical, everyday hands on relationship is not possible. I remember what it was like to lose that part of my identity and the plans I had as a mother.

When my husband passed away, once again, I had to struggle not only with the profound loss of Dick, but with my loss of identity as a wife. I had been Dan's mom for 28 years and Dick's wife for 59 years and in one breath that part of my identity was gone. I thought about the verses above, and what were the future plans of a mom without her child, a wife without her husband, and I cried out in pain, fear and desperation, "Oh, God, what plans could there be for me? What is my title? Wife, mother, daughter, and sister had all been cut short by death. Those I identified with, in my various roles, were now gone and my identity and plans with them.

Plans for good? Plans to give me a future and a hope? What could those plans be? How would I now be defined? Who was I? What was I to do? The Word says that if I pray God will listen, and so I prayed, as never before. It says to seek Him with all my heart, I did that. I prayed...He listened. I sought Him ...I found Him. And, in my praying and seeking, I discovered that He does have plans for me and an identity that was always there, but not totally recognized. Was it overlooked in my identity and busyness of being wife, mother, daughter, sister?

As I read and prayed my true identity came to light...I am a child of the King, and what greater title could I ask for? It is a title I will never lose. I never have to worry about being stripped of the title for it is one I will have forever. Death that robbed me of my other titles can never rob me of the one I now have. That is God's eternal title...a child of the King, and believe me, with that title are plans for good, and also guarantees me a future and a hope.

If you have asked the Lord into your life that is your title also. 1 John 5:1 "Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has become a child of God." Oh, you may still have the title of wife, mother, daughter, sister, but you also need your eternal title, that of a child of the King.

So, today, will you pray with the assurance that He is listening. Will you look for Him and seek Him knowing that He will be found. He has plans for you...plans for good, plans to give you a future and a hope, and embrace your eternal identity of being a child of the King.

God has not forgotten you even though you may feel abandoned in your grief. His plans are to give you a new beginning with a new purpose to turn you into a new person. In times of difficult circumstances it may appear as though God has forgotten you, but God may be preparing you as he did the people of Judah, for a new beginning with a new title Child of the King.

Under His Umbrella of Love ... Daisy

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The Lord is close to the brokenhearted.

Psalms 34:18

**WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO
MAKE THE SUN SHINE
FOR YOU ... BUT WE
CAN HOLD THE
UMBRELLA.**



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