



When God Messes With My Plans

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Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth."

But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. The Lord said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. "Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other." So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. That is why it was called Babel—because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. Genesis 11:1-9

My God loves me too much to let me do stupid things.

Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves." Genesis 11:4

My God knows that when I do things on my own, it's a mess

"My kingdom is not of this world." -Jesus, John 8:36

"Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." -Jesus, Matthew 6:33

My God is jealous for me.

The LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God. Exodus 34:14

The nearness of God is my good. Psalm 73:28

My God knows what He is doing.

My God is protecting me

...and directing me

...and shaping me

...and is jealous for me.

For your LifeGroup and personal growth time.

Talk about a time you had your plans messed up. How did you feel?

Who is ultimately to blame for things getting messed up?

Read Genesis 11:1-8 and talk about what you see here.

Why do you think the people did what they did?

Why did God take action?

How did 'confusion of the languages' help the situation?

Without getting political, talk about some modern-day examples of how the world today tries to "rebuild Babel."

How do you feel about God being 'jealous'?

Talk about a detour/disappointment/challenge where you felt God was either protecting or directing or shaping you.

Pray together and support each other!

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