

The Heart of the Story

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

His Plan...Not Ours

I recently have been doing a Beth Moore study, "A Women's Heart., God's Dwelling Place" in it I love her insight on the Tower of Babel.

It is of course a famous story of the Old Testament. Typically when reading this story the main point for me was that the people wanted to glorify themselves & not God & so He thwarted their plans. But Beth Moore revealed a whole other side to the story which provided me with an "aha" moment.

Not only were the people seeking their own glory, but they were totally going against the instructions God had given them after the flood! In Genesis 9:1 we find this command from God to Noah & his sons. "Be fruitful & increase in number & fill the earth." God's plan? They were to FILL the earth! The intent of the people in today's story?

"Come, let us build ourselves

a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we can make a name for ourselves & NOT be scattered over the face of the earth." Genesis 11:4

They not only wanted to bring themselves glory, but they were planning to do exactly opposite of what God directed & desired for His people. Instead of going and filling the earth, the tower would keep them together.

Isaiah 46:9-11 states so beautifully how God's plan above all else...with or without us will come to pass.

"Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose WILL stand, and I WILL do all that I please. From the east I summon a bird of prey; from a far-off land, a man to fulfill my purpose. What I have said, that I will

bring about; what I have planned, that I will do."

Wow, how often do we really take the time to make sure that our plan, aligns with Gods? Could it be that when things go crazy in our lives, it is because we have done the opposite of His will? Could the opposite of His will be the root cause for any & all confusion in our lives?

Beth Moore states, "How often it occurs to me, as it must to you, that it is far easier simply to cooperate with God! We can either be part of His program or a part of the problem. One way or another, God WILL perform His WILL. He may change the process or the person, but He will NOT change the plan. We are blessed immeasurably, however, when we learn to agree with God and to participate in His plan."

AMEN & AMEN!

Blessings,

Tammy



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Primary Business Address

Your Address Line 2

Your Address Line 3

Your Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555

Fax: 555-555-5555

E-mail: someone@example.com

Your business tag line here.

This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.



Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include

a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual

charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



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