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Week 2 – “Finding Significance in the Middle of Painful Circumstances”

Question 1: God not only has a plan, but He has a good plan for our lives. At one point in the interview Nancy says, "If we can just hang in there, it is incredible what God has planned for us." Can some of you share about a time that you "hung in there" and later were able to see the goodness of God's plan come to pass?

Support Verse:

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

"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."

Question 2: Nancy shared a time when she was questioning God's plan. God's response to her was, "Just like Lake Michigan is only a drop in the bucket of my whole creation, what is going on in your life right now is only a drop in the bucket of my whole plan for you." What hope can we take away from this? How does a change in perspective help us get through painful times?

Question 3: Nancy spoke about how the trials of her life have connected her with others and with God. How can our pain strengthen our connections to others and to God?

Support Verse:

2 Corinthians 1:4-5 (NLV)

He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ.

Question 4: "She is not poor nor much enticed who loses everything but Christ." What is being said here? Take a few minutes to discuss this thought.

Question 5: God withholds nothing. He is always inviting, always drawing us to Him, saying, "Come to me, I have a plan for your life!" Is there a circumstance in your life right now that you need God to be in the middle of, bringing His good plan to pass?