

God's Plans for a Teenager

CHARACTERS: Two angels

COSTUMES:

PROPS: 3X5 card, paper

SET: None specified

G: Hi. Thought I'd drop by and see what was in the works for my new human. (*Shows card*) This teenagers right here. I've been assigned as her guardian angel. I think she's going to be a good one. I've never been assigned to a teenager before.

M: (*Showing a sheet of paper*) This is what's up for the next few hours.

G: I was thinking more long range plans. Like a decade or two.

M: Don't have any.

G: What do you mean you don't have any. I know God has plans for each of his followers and she's a good one. She may be young but she's fully committed to do whatever the Lord has in store for her. Reminds me a lot of that young David.

M: People have free will. They can change their mind at any time. Humans DO change their mind a lot about commitment so we don't have any long range plans.

G: She's not like most teenagers – not like most people period. Whatever God wants her to do, she'll do it.

M: Good. We need more humans like that.

G: So why can't you tell me what God wants her to do in say 20 years? (*M shakes head "No"*) OK, 10 years? (*M still shaking head "no"*) How about a year from now?

M: Here's the deal. (*Showing a paper*). This is one possibility. However, it's contingent upon this other girl (*pointing*) doing this (*pointing*) at this time and him (*pointing*) doing that (*pointing*). If this girl doesn't conform to the plan, then God will need your girl to fill in, because everything is dependent upon that (*pointing*) getting done first. If the other girl or guy has less commitment or exercises free will, then it changes the whole picture.

G: Wow! Much more complicated than I ever imagined. So what you're saying is sometimes God has a game plan but has to send in a substitute. Kind of like when the star quarterback gets sick and the guy on the bench goes in.

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M: A little. But God doesn't have a bench. He plays everybody. He just rearranges the players on the field, and sometimes some have to do extra stuff when someone else doesn't fulfill their role in God's plan.

G: I guess it's too much to expect humans to always do the right thing at the right time.

M: Free will, baby. You never know with these, (*Catching himself and changing his phrasing*), with most of these humans. I know yours has offered herself as a living sacrifice and isn't crawling off the altar. But even though God may have terrific plans for all human lives, all the lives are intertwined and if just one human backs out or messes up, we have to rearrange everything.

G: Wow!

M: One time we were so desperate we had to recruit a donkey to do some talking.

G: A donkey!

M: You know, Balaam's donkey.

G: That's right. Balaam's donkey had to speak to him.

M: Exacto. So we keep things loose here. God has the big game plan and his will, will ultimately be done. But sometimes we have to shift people around. Blessedly, God gives his grace and his spirit without measure so a spirit filled person, like your teenager, can do just about anything with God's power.

G: Thanks for filling me in.

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