

“Remember me, Lord, when you show favor to your people; come near and rescue me. Let me share in the prosperity of your chosen ones. Let me rejoice in the joy of your people; let me praise you with those who are your heritage.” Psalms 106:4-5 NLT

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God will always have a people and he will always have a plan. The question is, am I one of them and do I follow his ways? David knew that God always keeps his word and always has a plan, a path for his people to follow. He could see those truths by looking backwards. Isn't that how most of us figure out what God WAS up to? We have to look back to see his purpose, plan, mercy and forgiveness. David's entire life was inner woven with the life of Israel and oftentimes a foreshadowing forerunner of Jesus and the finality of work God would do to complete his plan and his promise. However, as you know, was filled with DRAMA! He had, and Israel had, extreme highs and lows. David had huge successes, victories in battle and unification of an empire. He also had vast and very public failures that only a king, in full control, could possibly survive. It was like a modern day drama series or reality TV show, except there was no producer/director trying to spice things up for more viewership. I believe that David knew his life was inextricably tied to Israel's fate. David knew God would always be with his people. So, back to my question: Am I one of God's people and can I align with God's plan? On the first question, for me, it's an undeniable, deeply and passionate relationship with my creator and acceptance of his forgiveness, covering of my sin and transformation/redemption that comes from Jesus - ✓. On the second question - how do I ask, seek and obey his leading about what he is doing in this world. What is his plan and how to I follow it, not fight it?

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Dad,

I am trying to stay as close as I possibly can to you in this very chaotic culture and current Covid-19 season. It all feels so sci-fi, futuristic. No wonder the creative, artistic media minds have been exploring apocalyptic, viral, zombie-ish themes. They have sensed an un-easiness about the future, wondering where the planet and humans fit amidst all the scientific breakthroughs and tinkering with the hidden world of DNA and molecular hacking. Now, our world has had a modern day, global reality that seems to verify our fears. God, when you show favor to your people, let me be among them. As you fulfill your plan, let me be a part of it.

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rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root