

Main Point: God uses everything to _____ His will _____.

Your regulations remain true to this day, for everything serves your plans.

- Psalm 119:91 (NLT)

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

- Philippians 1:6 (NLT)

Point #1: God advances His purposes through _____ and _____ we fear.

. . . “Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

- 1 Samuel 16:7 (NLT)

And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. 39 No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Romans 8:38-39 (NLT)

Point #2: God advances His purposes through _____ and _____ we never expected.

O God, your ways are holy. Is there any god as mighty as you? 14 You are the God of great wonders! You demonstrate your awesome power among the nations.

- Psalm 77:13-14 (NLT)

Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. - Ephesians 3:20 (NLT)

Point #3: God wants to advance His purposes through _____.

Like Paul, we must be **Agents of Hope:**

1. _____ in God's character.

For we live by faith, not by sight.

- 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NIV)

To live by faith, not by sight is:

- _____ God is who He says He is.
- _____ God will do what He said He will do.
- _____ with _____ that God will keep His promises.

2. _____ a servant's heart and lifestyle

The greatest among you must be a servant. But those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

- Matthew 23:12-12 (NLT)

3. Use words of _____ and actions of _____.

But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.

- James 1:22 (NLT)