

**Tuesday, September 29, 2020**  
**Devotional Thoughts from Pastor Jim Murr...**

**"The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.  
Do not forsake the work of your hands."**

*Psalm 138: 8*

There's nothing that can get in the way of God's purpose for our lives. Things can get in the way of our own purpose for our lives. Actually, the main thing that can get in the way of our own purpose for our lives is God's purpose for our lives. Isn't that ironic! This must mean that my purpose for my life may not be the same as God's purpose for my life. My plans in life may not match up with God's plans for my life.

The fact that God has a purpose or a plan for your life is a little bit like having a geographical destination on a road trip. You know where you are going, that is, where you want to end up. But sometimes there are detours along the way. Maybe the route we chose is under construction or temporarily closed for some reason. The purpose of a detour is not to send you to a different destination, but rather its purpose is to get you TO your destination by another route.

God knows where He is leading you and me in life, and He knows the route He wants us to take. Sometimes we become comfortable with the route we are on in life. We're driving along nice and peaceful. All is well. Then a detour sign appears. A job is lost. A hardship begins. That doesn't mean God's purpose has been lost. It just means there is a detour. The purpose of detours is the same as the purpose of your original route. It's to get you to your destination.

The Psalmist says to God, "Do not forsake the work of your hands." God never does. He has made that promise: "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." I have had it happen, when I've been following a detour, that the detour signs stop. It's pretty frustrating. But that never happens with God. He never leaves us lost along the way. He continues to guide us on the journey through life. The Bible says, "In all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."

God will always fulfill His purpose for you. The route may change along the way, but the destination will always be the same. He is always bringing us closer to Him and ultimately bringing us into His Kingdom of Glory through faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

God's Peace!  
Pastor Jim