

# CROOKED BUT STRAIGHT

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Introduction: our story.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not on thine own understanding. In our thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths.

1. God has a plan.

1. Ecclesiastes 7:13. Accept the way God does things, for who can straighten out what He as made crooked.

2. Isaiah 55:8-9 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways saith the Lord. For as high as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

3. Isaiah 43:13b I act and who can reverse it.

4. Job 42:2 I know that you can do all things, and no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

5. Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things God had for us long ago.

6. Bible examples:

1. Paul the Apostle

1. Promise : Acts. 9:15 ... He is a chosen vessel, to bear my name before the Gentiles and Kings and the children of Israel.

2. Life: prison, ship wrecked, heat/cold, hungry, snakebite.

2. Joseph had two dreams.

1. Life: sold as a slave, worked for Potiphar, falsely accused, prison, forgotten

2. Genesis 50:20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good ..

3. Your life seems crooked at time, but God has purposes in mind.

1. We have the Bible and its' promises.

1. His authority, love, Holy Spirit.

2. Also have a free will. Romans 3:23 All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

3. Trust the Lord. Proverbs 3:5-6 .... In all thy ways, acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths.

1, Devotional every day

1. Pray

2. Love the Lord thy God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind and with all your strength. Mark 12:30.

3. Don't be afraid or worry.

4. Resist the devil.

5. God is more interested in our character than in our comfort.

1. Romans 8:29 ... be conformed in the image of His dear Son.

2. Philippians 1:16 Being confident of this one thing, He that

Hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Christ Jesus.

1. Philippians 2:13 God is at work within you, both to will and do of His good pleasure.

2. Conclusion

1. Repent of not trusting God with your life, not surrendering your will to Him. Romans 12:1,2. Walking in the flesh.

2. Acknowledge:

1. God has a good plan.

2. Be determined to trust Him and follow Him.

3. God is righteous in all His ways and holy in all His works. Psalms 145:17

4. Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you, for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.