

God doesn't just know the future He determines it!

Thoughts:

- **READ Psalm 121** - God is not like us in that He never sleeps nor slumbers, never gets confused, possesses all knowledge and all power to carry out His plans that He determines.
- **READ Isaiah 55:8-9** His ways are higher than our ways which means we are not capable of understanding what He is doing or why
- **READ Romans 9:20-21** Because of this we are not to question God
- Even when our circumstances are difficult and confusing and even painful it doesn't mean God is not in control. God is not only in control when we think He is or when life is going good. He is in control always.

Two Examples:

1. Paul and Barnabas – **Acts 15:36-41** Worked in over 8 Churches as a team, been through a lot of good times and hard times together, God was using them mightily to build early Church then in God's timing they had a sharp disagreement and separation.
God is either in control or He is not. It cannot be both. Nothing slips through His fingers. **Rest of the story** is: their labors doubled, they now went and strengthened twice as many churches and both of their assistants or new co-leaders also went on to powerful ministries themselves. (Mark and Silas)
2. Crucifixion of Jesus – He had a mother and a father and siblings and disciples all who loved Him dearly there were also many who hated Him and it was an ugly time. The crucifixion was bloody and confusing to many and yet it was God's pre-determined plan all along. **Acts 2: 22-23. Rest of the story is:** He conquered death and accomplished salvation for all who have ever and will ever trust in Him and one day every knee will bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord!

For Us:

- Let confusing circumstances draw you near to Christ you must decide this!
Philippians 4:6-7
- Don't try and figure out what God is doing just trust Him completely
Roman 8:28

Conclude: **Jeremiah 1: 4-10** (Preach)

- God has always known you
- Because you are here He has set you apart
- Appointed you to great things for Him

- Jeremiah was NOT an adult when he was called by God as His representative
- God is the one who wants to do great things through you
- God is always with you and He will always deliver you
- You do not need to fear

Dave share your thoughts about these young men:

- God cares deeply about them otherwise they would still be on the streets.
There are way more who will not get saved and a new life than will and you are not here by mistake
- I see God at work in your lives, I see Christ in you, I sense the presence of God when I am around you
- God doesn't teach us how to swim only to let us drown! He has His own plan for each of you and as you draw near to Him He will draw near to you.

Closing Verse:

READ **Deuteronomy 31:6** Amen!