

God's Plan

Read: Judges 7:9-15

*Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.*

Psalms 127:1

For months the board of campus ministry was focused on our fundraising auction. A young woman offered to lead our efforts. As chairman of the board, I met frequently with her and our pastor to plan for the forthcoming event. A month before the date, she sent a text indicating she just couldn't handle the responsibility. Then, the volunteer we'd depended upon to manage the decorations had a family emergency, and was not able to assist. My mother went into the care of Hospice and I became distracted. The week of the event, the auctioneer backed out.

I felt panic rising, but recalled the story of Gideon. God instructed Gideon to reduce his army in order to show the Israelites that He was delivering His people. Gideon followed God's instruction and easily overcame the Midianites.

Our board met, recognized that God was speaking through our situation. We did not need an army; we needed to depend upon God. We redirected our focus and prayed for God to take control. When the night finally arrived, our reservation numbers were bleak. Yet, we were certain that God would provide. Our attendance was much lower than the previous year, yet our income more than doubled.

When we listen in prayer and follow His lead, His plans emerge. When we place our focus on the right things, God delivers us.

Thought for the day: God delivers us when we follow His instruction.

Prayer: Remind us, oh Lord, that You are firmly in control, and that our plans are nothing if You are not in them.

Prayer Focus: College Students