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Sermon – Be Glad God writes your future

Scripture – Genesis *see below and Jeremiah 29:11

Main Message – Plans, plans, plans. I'm so glad God makes the best ones.

How would you like to write the story of what happens to you tomorrow? What would you create for yourself tomorrow that is guaranteed to happen? How about trying to write your future to any degree. Yes, write tomorrow that whatever you invest in will yield great results. Maybe something more altruistic, like helping someone in need. Likely you wouldn't want to write into tomorrow's script pain and suffering for yourself. You wouldn't write down, I want to lose my car keys would you?

We know we can't control the future and what happens. Yet, we are always planning everything from what we want to eat to where we want to go and what we want to do. Some people take great care in the planning of their lives and then something happens that derail it. Then we understandably get bummed out when it doesn't turn out like we planned it. When we are make all these plans, we are actually trying to write the future but since we are not God, it doesn't always work out very well, and partly because others are making plans that impact us as well, whether we want it or not. That is just the way it goes. Some folks bounce along better than others, but today's message is that God makes the best plans.

Read excerpts from Genesis **37, 39, 40**

Joseph would not have written the story. Sold into slavery by his brothers and his father, Jacob thinking he was dead. Ending up in jail for a righteous act on his part with potiphar's wife, and forgotten by the chief butler after he interpreted the dreams accurately. Joseph would not have written any of this. Nevertheless, he eventually came to a position whereby he would save the line of Israel from the famine as well as for those in Egypt.

Read **Genesis 45**

Was Joseph blessed?

Be glad that God is in charge of our lives, our destiny, our sufferings, and our victories. You know why?

Jer 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

It may not feel like it always, but this is yet another lesson about trusting in the Lord with all our mind, body and soul. Joseph's testimony is of living a wholesome life and letting God sort out the rest and Joseph understood that better than all of his brothers so while they were staring out wondering where the food was going to come from, God had it all under control.