



## By Design Disappointments?

### Introduction

The story of my plan to go to Baylor University and how I was disappointed.

### Theme

When we are disappointed God wants us to believe that our disappointments are by design.

Proverbs 16:9

9 A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.

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By design does not mean that God causes everything that disappoints us. I can be disappointed because I am a broken human living in a broken world.

By design means that even before I am disappointed, God knows it is going to happen. It means that God is going to use my disappointment to fulfill His plans.

### Body

What are God's plans?

1. To save us

2 Peter 3:9

9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

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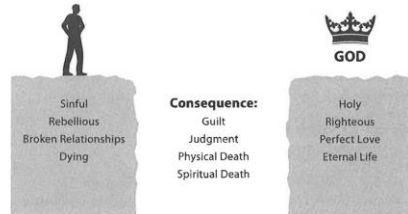
If you have not received Jesus to save you from your sin, God's plan is to use your disappointments to cause you to see your need for Jesus.

Through your disappointments He is guiding you to understand these truths.

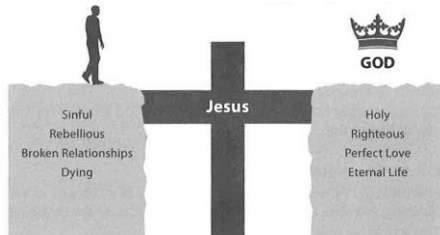
- God created you to be in relationship with Him.



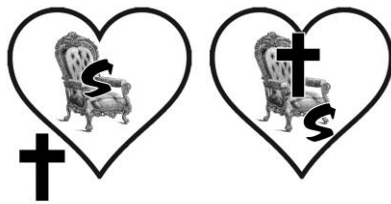
- You have rebelled against God and you are estranged from God



- God sent His Son Jesus to restore His relationship with you.



- You need to repent and believe upon Jesus to be reconciled to God.



## 2. To sanctify us

Romans 8:28-30

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He

also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.  
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2 Corinthians 3:18

18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

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3. To send us

Genesis 50:19-20

19 Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God?

20 But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.

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God used my disappointment to send me to OBU.

Why did God send me to OBU?



1. A basketball scholarship at OBU
2. A platform to share the gospel
3. Bob Hoffman



4. Bob and Joy Burgess



5. Debbie Mills



6. Mike Barnett



7. Ben Manis



### Conclusion

I am God and there is no other; I am God and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand and I will accomplish all my purpose.' ([Isaiah 46:9-10](#))

What is God's purpose for His plans?

Revelation 5:11-13

11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands,

12 saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

13 and every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!"

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God saves us, sanctifies us, and sends us to fulfill His purpose for us. His purpose is to glorify Jesus!

If you want to cooperate with God's plan and purpose, you need to surrender your life to glorify Jesus.

Will you receive Jesus? Will you pray Jesus save me?

Will you surrender your life to glorify Jesus?

### Prayer of Commitment

God, thank you for the plan that you have for my life. I will trust that you are guiding my steps when I experience disappointment. I surrender my life to glorify Jesus. In Jesus name. Amen.