

My Prayer - Plan B

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Is it not the case for most of us to exhaust ourselves trying to achieve "Plan A"? Many take a lifetime chasing after this plan. Some pursue it with ever increasing frustration, yet they persist unbroken by its intangibility. Others, exhausted by its pursuit, stop and re-evaluate their choices. Many make minor adjustments, so now "Plan A" becomes "Plan A.1". For many "Plan A" is a yoke around their neck. It is a traitor. It is bondage. We are free to pursue it, yet we find ourselves shackled by it. If we are truly listening we will hear, "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls; for My yoke is easy and My burden is light." (Matthew 11:29-30)

If you are like me, then you are stubborn and set on achieving the plan you have so cleverly crafted out using your own devices. It is not until we are broken, tired, and exhausted that our stubbornness will give way to a better option, a way that was (and has been) open to us from the beginning. For some reason we chose (choose) otherwise. Our arrogant and self-serving ways inevitably lead us into needless captivity. Maybe it is that we need to be fully broken and exhausted in order for us to allow God to do his greatest work in us? "Plan B" is a timeless and eternal plan. There is no greater peace in another way.

Lord, I pray that you would forgive us for not relying on you, but instead on ourselves. I pray that we will all be broken and tamed by your loving grace. Rid us of the arrogance and self-service that interfere with your plan for our lives. Give us patient hearts willing to listen to your call. Crowd out the noise of this world that leads us astray. Remind us and show us that "Plan B" works, because "Plan A" did not (and never will). Finally, thank you for your patience as we learn your ways are better than ours. -Amen!

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