

SIXTH EDITION

# REVELATIONS *of Life*

## JUST A PAWN IN THE PLAN

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While in prayer yesterday, I received this revelation that I write to you today: some people are just a pawn in God's plan for your life.

I was in the midst of talking to God about my feelings toward a certain individual when He revealed to me that she was "just a pawn in His plan." Then He reminded me of Jeremiah 29:11 which talks about His plans for my life and how they are "plans for good...to give me a future and a hope." I looked up the word *pawn* in Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary and it says, "One that can be used to further the purposes of another." It never dawned on me to think that God was using this individual to further my purpose. God is so awesome!

So I had to repent because I had complained over the years about this person without realizing that God had His hand in the midst. Seriously, I recently started calling this person my Pharaoh (reflecting on the children of Israel in Egypt and how he wouldn't let them go) because it just felt like she went out of her way to make sure I wouldn't excel. Each "no" triggered a different (silent) response from me: "God don't like ugly." "You'll get yours one day!" Or, "That's okay, God will deal with you." I stopped getting frustrated and upset after the first few "no's" (it's been about 5 years now) because I would remind myself that what God has for me, is for me. That enabled me to keep pressing in spite of the "no's". I have to confess that sometimes I asked just to see if I would get the same response and I would smile to myself because the more she told me "no", the more determined I was to get to where God wanted me to be. However, I had no idea that that place was alongside Pastor David B. Smith! Seriously, I never thought I would be a Pastor's wife! I have a feeling my Mentor had some indication (you know who you are). But it is just

another part of God's plan.

As I continued to receive my download during my prayer time, God revealed to me how if she had said "yes" it would have altered my course and ultimately my purpose during this season. Thank You Father for my pawn.

*"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." NLT-Jeremiah 29:11*

God's timing is perfect! I am just going to be open right now and hope that if you are going through something similar, that you will find the encouragement to keep waiting on God with the knowledge that He is

making a way for you.

I have been working at my place of employment for almost eighteen years having held numerous positions; however, this last one has been the longest. There's nothing like knowing you are made for more/better or should be doing more/better but you have to bide your time. In other words, it is very frustrating when you know you can fly but someone keeps clipping your wings. Insert whatever works for your present situation.

Well, I got frustrated about five years ago with my job. I was frustrated with the mundaneness associated with my work. I felt underutilized and unproductive. It was not a good place to be (mentally) especially when I had to be there five times a week!

To further my frustration, I went to work one week to experience someone repeatedly parking in the space I normally parked in. I cannot say it was "my space" because I was told that nothing there is mine. We do not have assigned spaces. It's first come first get. That week, every time I didn't get my space, altered my mood from good to irritable. Not good and not sure why it all culminated with this event, but it showed in my attitude. So I prayed about it because it wasn't professional. The

response I got from the Holy Spirit was, "This place is temporary!" Hallelujah! He revealed to me that the frustration associated with the parking was due to my attempt to take up permanent residence in a place that was meant to be temporary. You might say, "You could have fought for the space until it was time for you to leave." But, I didn't want to get attached any further. Instead, I wanted to start seeing things for what it was—temporary so that I could ready myself to leave. Another pawn in the plan.

That revelation changed my entire perception of my place of employ and my job. It enabled me to know that there was a set time for me to leave (this season would change) and I was reassured with that knowledge. It gave me an entirely new attitude towards the "no's" and alleviated my frustrations. Needless-to-say, when I arrived at work the following day, I parked in a totally different place and it didn't bother me. (Smile) Thank God for change.

Here is the kicker...I had no idea that temporary would last almost five years! (Smile) But you know a thousand years is like a day with God (2 Peter 3:8). Just saying.

Again, God's timing is perfect! Regardless of what your situation looks like or how desperate things may seem, remember that the God you serve keeps His Word. Remind yourself (daily if necessary) of His promises and stay the course! Don't jump ship in the middle of your ocean! Especially if you don't walk on water. Remember: the process isn't always pleasant, but it is for a purpose.

You might have a pawn or two in your life that you are struggling with; someone or something that frustrates you on a daily basis, and you might even cry out and ask God, "Why me?" You might be going through with a child, a spouse, an employee or employer; your mortgage company, a promotion, ministry, etc. It might feel like this pawn(s) is hindering your purpose or keeping you down, but I am here to remind you that this same pawn(s) is being used to further your purpose!

We all have a pawn(s) in our lives! Joseph had his brothers; Moses had Pharaoh; David had Saul, and so on. These people were used to steer them in the direction God had for their lives. Could it be that your pawn(s) is being used to direct your path to your purpose/destiny?

If you have a tendency to pray: "Father, direct my steps

complain or get frustrated when He answers! If you have told God "yes" to His will, then accept His will and understand that His will might not be that man or woman, job or promotion, house or car, etc., you keep trying to will into your life! I am not saying that you shouldn't want these things, but understand that God has a time and a season for everything (Ecclesiastes 3). Some seasons last longer than others and waiting isn't always fun, but learn to pray for the strength to endure.

Some times we get so impatient, angry and frustrated with God when all He is doing is answering our prayers! Be mindful of what you pray for. (Smile)

Pawns are used in the game of chess, but God is not playing games with your life. Jeremiah 29:11 ends with God's plans giving us a future and hope.

So, take the time to evaluate the pawn(s) in your life; they come in different ways, and determine which direction they are driving you so that you can follow God's plan for your life.

Remember that whatever you are going through has an end date. Hallelujah! Understand that your time of endurance regarding whatever you are going through could be longer or shorter than someone else who seems to be going through the same thing. Keep in mind that we all learn differently; therefore, our processes will differ.

My prayer is that you continue to trust God's plans for your life.

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