

## **Wednesday Word**

**Jeremiah 29:11**- *“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”*

Last Sunday I had big plans for after church: I was going to do a roof patch on my house. My roof is a steep one at about a 10/12 pitch and I needed to put up about 20 shingles. I spent most of the morning trying to prepare myself mentally to get up on the roof and get it done. I got home from church, got my nails, my roofing, set up my ladder and was ready to go.

One thing I didn't account for was the fact that it would be at least 15 degrees hotter on the roof and the roof itself would be very hot. In fact, as I was standing on the roof installing shingles, my feet began to melt to the roofing and leave prints in the roofing. I knew at his point I had to get off the roof or I would cause more problems than I was fixing.

I got down off the roof and was a bit frustrated because I did not get the full job complete. I did realize that this was not the right time of day to be on the roof fixing shingles.

So many of you are like me. You are excited about the fact that God wants to use you to do powerful and meaningful things in the world. You may be so excited that you may, like me, rush ahead of the timing God has designed for our specific purpose.

If you are a Lord of the Rings movie fan, you may remember the quote by Gandalf the Grey: “A wizard is never late, he arrives precisely when he means to.” Our God is the same way. We may think he is early, and we are not ready, or he is late and we waited far too long. But God's timing is always perfect because he sees thing going on that we cannot see because we are limited.

Let's look at our lives this week. What have we asked God for and what has he asked of us. In both senarios it will take the leading of the Holy Spirit to fulfill. When we keep in pace with the Lord, we know we are safe and that all His plans and purposes will be worked out in our lives.

I love you and God loves you!

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