

SECOND CHANCE, SECOND ACT

TURNING YOUR MESSSES INTO SUCCESSES

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Selected Scriptures

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INTRODUCTION: If God is in control of everything in creation, does His control extend to the mistakes we've made in our lives? Today, we are going to explore the relationship between God's sovereignty and our failures.

I. **God Is In Control Of Everything That Happens** (Isaiah 45:6)

Isaiah 45:6 "That men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun, that there is no one besides Me. I am the Lord, and there is no other,"

II. **God Has A Plan For Your Life** (Psalm 139:16)

Psalm 139:16 "Thine eyes have seen my unformed substance; and in Thy book they were all written, the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them."

Ephesians 1:11 "also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will."

A. **Your Circumstances** (Proverbs 21:1, Proverbs 16:33, Daniel 2:21)

1. The decision of **governmental** leaders

Proverbs 21:1 "The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He wishes."

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2. The outcome of rolled **dice** in a Las Vegas casino

Proverbs 16:33 “The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the Lord.”

3. The change of **seasons**

Daniel 2:21 “And it is He who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings; He gives wisdom to wise men, and knowledge to men of understanding.”

B. Your Physical and Emotional Make-up (Psalm 139:13-14)

Psalm 139:13-14 “¹³For Thou didst form my inward parts; Thou didst weave me in my mother’s womb. ¹⁴I will give thanks to Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; wonderful are Thy works, and my soul knows it very well.”

C. Your Choices (Proverbs 20:24)

Proverbs 20:24 “Man’s steps are ordained by the Lord, how then can man understand his way?”

Psalm 139:16b “And in Thy book they were all written, the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them.”

D. Your Failures

III. God Has The Power To Accomplish His Plan For Your Life (Ephesians 1:11)

Ephesians 1:11 “also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,”

2 Job 42:2 “I know that Thou canst do all things, and that no purpose of Thine can be thwarted.”

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IV. God's Power Does Not Exempt You From Responsibility

A. We Must Still Make Wise Choices (Proverbs 28:26)

Proverbs 28:26 "He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, but he who walks wisely will be delivered."

B. We Must Still Suffer the Natural Consequences of Our Choices (Acts 4:27-28)

Acts 4:27-28 ²⁷ "In fact, this has happened here in this very city! For Herod Antipas, Pontius Pilate the governor, the Gentiles, and the people of Israel were all united against Jesus, your holy servant, whom you anointed. ²⁸ But everything they did was determined beforehand according to Your will."
(The New Living Translation)

V. God's Sovereignty Offers Me Peace From My Past ... My Responsibility Offers Me Hope For My Future (Jeremiah 29:11)

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans that I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and hope."

Conclusion