

God's Plan, your plan
(上帝的计划, 你的计划)

Introduction

- We live in unsettling times. (**我们生活在动荡不安的时代**)
- The End is really getting close. (末日真的越来越近了)
- God is Sovereign! He will accomplish His purposes!
(上帝是至高无上的! 他会完成他的目的)

I. God's Plan

God *“wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.”* 1 Timothy 2:4

“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” 2 Peter 3:9.

“Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation.” 2 Peter 3:15.

“他愿意万人得救，明白真道。” **提摩太前書** 2:4

“主所应许的尚未成就，有人以为他是耽延，其实不是耽延，乃是宽容你们，不愿有一人沉沦，乃愿人人都悔改。” **彼得後書** 3:9

“并且要以我主长久忍耐为得救的因由” **彼得後書** 3:15

“For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!” Ezekiel 18:32.

“As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live.” Ezekiel 33:11

“主耶和华说：我不喜悦那死人之死，所以你们当回头而存活”
以西结书 18:32

“主耶和华说：我指着我的永生起誓，我断不喜悦恶人死亡，惟喜悦恶人转离所行的道而活” 以西结书 33:11

God's Love, Agape is unconditional
上帝的爱, Agape 是无条件的

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

“神爱世人，甚至将他的独生子赐给他们，叫一切信他的，不至灭亡，反得永生。” 约翰福音 3:16

“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

Matthew 5:44

“只是我告诉你们，要爱你们的仇敌，为那逼迫你们的祷告”

马太福音 5:44

Patience is forbearance under provocation

耐心是挑釁下的忍耐

“In troubles, hardships and distresses; in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger” 2 Corinthians 6: 5 – 6

⁵鞭打、監禁、擾亂、勤勞、儆醒、不食、

⁶廉潔、知識、恒忍、恩慈、聖靈的感化、無偽的愛心、”

歌林多後書 6:5-6

II. Your plan 你的計劃

Questions to ponder:

How much do I care about the lost ones?

我有多在乎失去的人

How much do I love them?

我有多爱他们

How much do I care about sharing God's love Agape with them?

我有多在乎与他们分享上帝的爱

“You are the light of the world...” Matthew 5: 14

“你们是世上的光...” 馬太福音 5:14

“Let your light shine.” Matthew 5: 16

“你们的光也当这样照在人前” 馬太福音 5:16

*“I am the light of the world. Whoever **follows me** will never walk in darkness, but **will have the light of life.**”* John 8:12

“我是世界的光。跟从我的，就不在黑暗里走，必要得着生命的光” 約翰福音 8:12

III. The Harvest is ripe 庄稼已经熟了

“...Open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.” John 4:35

“举目向田观看，庄稼已经熟了”约翰福音 4:35

People need the Savior 人们需要救主

- About 2 billion Moslems in the world (全世界约有 20 亿穆斯林)
- The Arab World 317 million (阿拉伯世界 3.17 亿)
- Asia (986 million), China (29 million) 亚洲 (9.86 亿)、中国 (2900 万)
- Europe (43 million). 欧洲 (4300 万)
- The Unites States (3.5 million). 美国 (350 万)

Moslems represent 25% of the World's population (穆斯林占世界人口的 25%)

- Only about 10% of Global Missions is for Moslems.
(只有大约 10% 的全球宣教是针对穆斯林的。)
- Only one missionary for 405 000 Moslems.
(405 000 名穆斯林只有一名传教士)

“Muslims are one of the most-discussed, least-understood people groups in our contemporary world—yet they comprise about 2,854 of the globe’s nearly 7,000 unreached people groups”.

“穆斯林是我们当代世界中讨论最多、了解最少的群体之一，但在全球近 7,000 个未得之民群体中，他们约占 2,854 个”

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High Cost: rejection, isolation, persecution or even death
(**高成本：拒绝、孤立、迫害甚至死亡**)

More Moslems converts in the last 30 years than in the previous 1250 years.
(过去 30 年中相信耶稣的穆斯林比过去 1250 年还多。)

IV. Application thoughts

1) A New Life 在耶穌里的新生活

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

2 Corinthians 5:17

“若有人在基督里，他就是新造的人，旧事已过，都变成新的了” 歌林多後書 5:17

2) A Meaningful Life 有意义的生活

“You are the salt of the earth.” (Matthew 5:13).

“你们是世上的盐” (馬太福音 5:13)

Properties of salt 盐的性质:

- A. Salt adds flavor to the food. 盐为食物增添风味.
- B. Salt is a preservative (keeps meat from spoiling).
盐是一种防腐剂 (防止肉变质) 。
- C. Salt causes people to be thirsty. 盐会使人口渴。

Now think how does that apply to a disciple of Christ? 门徒如何应用?

3) A Fruitful Life.

A. Live by the fruit of the Spirit, spoken of in Galatians 5:22

靠圣灵的果子生活，加拉太书 5:22

B. Be prepared *“always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.”* (1 Peter 3:15). 做好准备 (彼得前书 3:15)

“只要心里尊主基督为圣。有人问你们心中盼望的缘由，就要常作准备，以温柔、敬畏的心回答各人”