

## 上帝对你有美好的安排

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嗨，孩子们！看看这粒种子，它又小又扁，在我看来，它像是辣椒的种子。但是你猜猜看，如果你种下了这粒种子，你不会得到一盆辣椒，反而，你会得到一颗硕大无比的树，这是因为它是一颗红杉树的种子。



红杉树是世界上最大和最高的树木之一，它们可以轻松长到 100 多米高和 10 多米宽。巨型红杉树的树干宽到连汽车都可以轻松地穿过，不仅如此，它还能存活两千多年。哇！当我们看种子时，我们所看到的都是这些小到可以放在我们手指尖上的东西，我们所看见的只是此刻我们的眼睛所告诉我们的。但上帝不一样！当上帝看一粒微小的种子时，祂已经知道这粒种子会变成什么样的植物。上帝知道红杉木种子有多小并不重要，因为上帝知道种子的所有潜能，而这些潜能都是祂在造种子时所放进去的。



今天的圣经故事讲述的是上帝如何看待一个小牧童的潜能。如果我告诉你这个故事是来自撒母耳记上第 16 章，而且是发生在大卫遇见歌利亚之前的一章，你能猜出这个牧童是谁吗？我想你猜对了，这个牧童就是大卫，关于他的故事是这样开始的。



一天，耶和华对先知撒母耳说：“你往伯利恒城那里去。当你到达那里时，去找一个叫耶西的人，我拣择了耶西的一个儿子作为下一任国王。我会告诉你该怎么做，你要为我膏抹我所拣选的人。”于是撒母耳去了伯利恒。在那里，撒母耳遇到了耶西和他的儿子们。撒母耳看见耶西的长子，心里想：“这位必是耶和华的受膏者。”但耶和华说：“虽然他长得高大英俊，但不要根据他的外貌作出论断。耶和华不像人那样只看到表面的东西。人是看外在的，但耶和华是看内心的。”不是这位！



然后耶西叫他第二个儿子上前来，撒母耳说：“不是，他也不是耶和华所拣选的人。”轮到三儿子的时候，撒母耳也摇头说不是他。接着，耶西将他其余的儿子们都一一介绍给撒母耳。但每次，撒母耳都是说：“不是，耶和华也没有拣选他。”哦？？？撒母耳见完了耶西的七个儿子，但没有一个被选中，这是怎么回事？最后，撒母耳问道：“你就只有这些儿子？还有其他的吗？”请猜猜看，耶西会怎么说？他回答说：“嗯……事实上我还有一个最小的男孩，但他出去放羊了。”撒母耳听了，就说：“快叫他来，等到他来了我们才坐下吃饭。”



想象一下，当耶西和大卫的七个哥哥在等待大卫来的那段时间，他们会怎么想？——“为什么要去叫大卫？他只不过是个小男孩而已。”但是，当大卫到了，耶和华对撒母耳说：“**起来，膏抹他！他就是那一位！**”那天，撒母耳在他父亲和大卫所有的哥哥面前，用油倒在大卫的头上，膏抹他。当油从大卫的头上流到他的脸上时，他的家人明白了，耶和华已拣选了大卫作以色列的下一任君王。



可以想象，耶西和他的七个大儿子一定会是多么惊讶！当他们看大卫时，他们所看到的只是一位牧童；但是当耶和华看大卫时，耶和华看到了一位君王。即使没人知道大卫会成为一个什么样的伟人，甚至他自己的父亲或大卫的哥哥们都不知道，但上帝总是知道的。因为尽管大卫被他的父亲和哥哥们排除在外，上帝一定会确保大卫不会错过上帝让他成为以色列王的安排。这应验了耶利米书 29 章 11 节的经文：耶和华说：“**因为我知道我为你们所定的计划，那是要赐福而不是降灾的计划，为要带给你们前途和盼望。**”



好消息是，这节经文对于今天的我们也适用！当你照镜子时，你看到了什么？只是一个普通的孩子？事实是当上帝看着你时，祂所看到的你从来都不是“一个普通的孩子”。当上帝看着你时，祂所看到的是：**在你的生命里祂为你所订制的**所有美好而奇妙的计划！****这计划给你的前程带来憧憬和盼望，这计划令你**可以成为祝福**，祂知道你是能达到的。

接下来，让我们来分享一位属神的大能人的故事，他一出生就体弱多病，这个人 是肯尼斯·E·哈金(Kenneth E. Hagin)。肯尼斯·E·哈金出生时又小又虚弱，以至于 他的医生都不确定他能活多久，原因是他的心脏畸形无法正常运作，还有他还患有 无法治愈的血液疾病。他 15 岁的时候，他虚弱得无法下床。有其他人来看望他时，他们 所看到的是一个虚弱病重随时都有可能死去的人。



但上帝对肯尼斯有**特别安排**——要给他前途和憧憬。年少时的肯尼斯整天躺在床上，开始阅读圣经。他读得越多，就越相信耶稣在十字架上带走了他所有的罪孽和疾病；他越相信，对他来说，境况就开始改变得越多。他决定宣告上帝的医治并从床上起来。上帝医治了他，他很快就变得既健康又强壮。肯尼斯长大后成为了一名有影响力的传道人和教师。他周游世界，向数百万人讲授我们慈爱良善的上帝。肯尼斯·E·哈金的生命并没有由于病痛缠身受到限制，而是活到 86 岁，且凡他所到之处他都进行教学、布道和造福他人。



孩子们，我们今天学到了什么呢？我们了解到，当上帝看着我们时，祂不只是看到我们所看到的。我们只看到眼睛所告诉我们的外在的东西。但当上帝看我们时，祂看到我们的内在，祂看到了祂在创造我们时所放在我们里面的所有恩赐和才能。我们还了解到，我们的生命如何开始并不重要。还记得红杉木种子吗？多么小并不重要，因为上帝造红杉树的时候，祂就知道，那颗小小的种子里面蕴藏着长成一棵大树的力量。还记得大卫吗？尽管大卫被他的父亲和哥哥们排除在外，但上帝确保大卫不会错过让他成为君王的安排。



如果今天你由于身体的原因，令你怀疑你的人生，是否能对自己的前途和未来有所憧憬和盼望？记住发生在肯尼斯·E·哈金身上的事，一旦他相信了上帝医治的大能，即使是疾病也无法阻止他过上上帝为他安排的人生。最重要的是，我们了解到上帝对我们都有很好的计划。在圣经耶利米书29章11节：耶和华说：“因为我知道我为你们所定的计划，那是要赐福而不是降灾的计划，为要带给你们前途和盼望。”



孩子们，如果你感到气馁，或者你在猜想自己是否准备好去实现上帝的计划，别担心！我们不可能知道上帝对我们的计划的所有细节，但没关系，只需要信靠祂并跟随祂。当我们跟随祂时，祂就会向我们展示祂每一步的奇妙安排。所以，今天让我们宣告上帝对我们的美好计划，把手放在你的心上，跟我一起祷告说：“我相信主对我有美好的计划，祂的计划不是降灾而是要赐福予我！因为耶稣，我有盼望，我的前途和未来是光明的！”所有孩子一起说：“阿门！”

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孩子们，如果你正在听这个故事，你从来没有邀请耶稣进入你的生命，成为你的主和救主，你现在可以这样做，跟着我重复这个祷告：“亲爱的主耶稣，感谢你为我死在十字架上。你是神的儿子，你死了，也被埋葬，第三天又复活了。你宝血洗去了我所有的罪，使我得以永远与阿爸天父在一起。我请求你现在进入我的生命里，成为我的主和救主，我永远是个义人，永远是有福的，永远是神的孩子。奉耶稣的名，阿门！”

## **GOD HAS GOOD PLANS FOR YOU**

**“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. – Jeremiah 29:11, NIV**

Hey Rock Kidsz! Look at this seed, it is small and flat, and to me, it looks like the seed from a chili pepper. But guess what, if you planted the seed, you won't get this. Instead, you will get this. This is because it is the seed of a giant redwood tree.

Redwood trees are among some of the biggest and tallest trees in the world. They can easily grow over 100 metres tall and more than 10 metres wide. The giant redwood tree can grow so huge a car can easily drive through the trunk. Not only that, the giant redwood can also live for more than two thousand years. Wow! When we look at the seed, all we see is something so small that it can sit on our fingertip. All we see is what our eyes tell us now. But God is different. When God looks at a tiny seed, God already knows what kind of plant it will become. God knows that it doesn't matter how small the redwood seed is, because God knows all the potential He put into the seed when He made it.

Today's Bible story is about how God saw the potential in a young shepherd boy. If I tell you that this story is from 1 Samuel 16, and it happens just one chapter before David meets Goliath, can you guess who this shepherd boy is? Yes, this shepherd boy is David. And his story starts like this.

One day, God said to the prophet Samuel, “Go to the town of Bethlehem. When you get there, look for a man called Jesse. I have chosen one of Jesse's sons to be the next king. I will show you what to do and you shall anoint for me the one that I choose.” So Samuel went to Bethlehem. There, Samuel met Jesse and his sons. When Samuel saw the first son, he thought to himself, “Surely this is the Lord's anointed.” But the Lord said, “He's tall and handsome, but don't judge the way he looks. God doesn't look at what people see. People look at what is on the outside, but God looks at the heart. He is not the one.”

Then Jesse called his second son. Samuel said, “No, he's not the one the Lord has chosen.” When the third son was introduced, it wasn't him either. One by one, Jesse showed Samuel the rest of his sons. But each time Samuel said, “No, the Lord has not chosen him.” Now, wait a minute. Samuel met seven of Jesse's sons and none of them were chosen. What's going on? Finally, Samuel asked, “Are these all the sons you have? Are there anymore?” Guess what Jesse said? He said, “Um.. actually there is still the youngest boy. He is out taking care of the sheep.” When Samuel heard this, he said, “Send for him at once, we will not sit down to eat until he comes.”

Imagine Jesse and his seven older sons waiting for David to arrive. Maybe they were thinking, "Why ask David? He's just a boy." But when David arrived, this is what the Lord said to Samuel, "Get up and anoint him. He is the one." That day in front of his father and all his brothers, Samuel anointed David by pouring oil on his head. As the oil flowed down from David's head onto his face, his family understood. God had chosen David to be the next king of Israel.

Imagine how surprised Jesse and his seven older sons must have been. When they looked at David, all they saw was a shepherd boy. But when God looked at David, God saw a king. Even when nobody, not even his own dad or his brothers knew what a great man David could become, God always knew. And because God knew, even though David was left out by his father and brothers, God made sure that David did not miss out on God's plan for him to be the king of Israel. Jeremiah 29:11 tells us, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

The good news is that this verse is true for you today as well. When you look in the mirror, what do you see? Just an ordinary kid? Well, the truth is when God looks at you, He never sees "just an ordinary kid." When God looks at you, he sees all the good and amazing plans He has for you. Plans that give you a hope and a future, and plans to let you be the blessing that He knows you can be.

Let me tell you about a mighty man of God who started out in life weak and sick. This man was Kenneth E. Hagin. When Kenneth E. Hagin was born, he was so small and weak that his doctors were not sure he would live very long. His heart was deformed and could not work properly. He also had a blood disease that could not be cured. When he was 15, he was so weak that he could not get out of bed. When others looked at him, all they saw was someone so weak and so sick he could die at any time.

But God had other plans for Kenneth E. Hagin, plans to give him a hope and a future. In bed all day, young Kenneth started to read the Bible. The more he read, the more he believed that at the cross Jesus took away all his sin and his sickness. The more he believed, the more things started to change for him. He decided to claim his healing and got out of bed. God healed him, and he soon became healthy and strong again. Kenneth E. Hagin grew up and became a powerful preacher and teacher who traveled around the world teaching millions of people about our good, good God. Instead of a life of sickness and disease, Kenneth E. Hagin lived to be 86 years old, teaching, preaching and being a great blessing to others everywhere he went.

What did we learn today? We learned that when God looks at us, He doesn't just see what we see. We look at the outside and see only what our eyes tell us. But when God sees, He



sees who we are on the inside. He sees all the gifts and talents He has put inside us when He made us. We also learn that it doesn't really matter how our story starts. Remember the redwood seed? It doesn't matter that it is so small, because when God made the redwood tree, He knows that inside that tiny seed is the power to become a very enormous tree. Remember David as well? Even though his dad and brothers didn't think to include him, the Lord made sure that David did not miss out on the plans the Lord had for him to be king.

And if today there is something about your body that makes you wonder if you have a hope or a future? Remember what happened to Kenneth E. Hagin. Once he believed in God's power to heal, even sickness could not keep him from the life God planned for him. Best of all, we learned that God has good plans for us. Jeremiah 29: 11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declare the LORD, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

If you are feeling discouraged, or maybe you are wondering if you have what it takes. Don't worry. We may not know all the details of God's plans for us, but that's alright. We just need to trust Him and follow Him. And as we follow Him, He will show us His wonderful plans for us each step of the way. So Rock Kidz, let's claim God's good plan for us today. Put your hand on your heart and say this with me, "I believe the Lord has good plans for me. His plans are to prosper me and not to harm me. Because of Jesus, I have hope and my future is bright." And all of Rock Kidz say, "Amen!"

**Hey Rock Kidz, if you are listening to this story and you've never asked Jesus to come into your life to be your Lord and Saviour, you can do so now. Just repeat this prayer after me, "Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for dying on the cross for me. You are the Son of God, who died, was buried and on the third day, you rose again. Your precious blood washed away all my sins making me forever right with Daddy God. I ask You now to come into my life to be my Lord and Saviour. I am forever righteous, forever blessed, forever a child of God. In Jesus' name," and everyone say, "Amen."**