

All it Takes is One Unlocked Door

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.

Jeremiah 29:11



Praise the Lord! He allowed us to cross over into another year. As 2025 unfolds, it is time for a fresh start and new beginnings.

On Sunday, January 13, 1985, a church in Chicago, led by a young minister in his twenties looked forward to seeing how God would unfold His plans for the new year. However, this started a series of events that no one could have predicted. The congregation noticed that the pastor had not entered the sanctuary. Little did they know that a group of leaders from the church had decided they no longer wanted this young minister with his vision to pastor the church. As a result, they locked all the doors to keep him from entering.

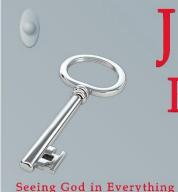
God's plan unfolded as he led the young pastor to an unlocked door on the side of the church. The pastor entered, humbly announced his departure from the church, and said he would be starting a new one. Immediately after his announcement, various members began putting on their coats; choir members removed their robes, got their belongings, and left with the pastor.

This led to the birth of a new church, and what followed was an incredible ministry that only God could have imagined. That unlocked door led to a vision of faith, resilience, and determination that not only transformed the lives of those present in 1985 but continues to have a profound and lasting effect on thousands worldwide.

I was not a member of that church 40 years ago; however, as a member for 33 years, I see how God took a situation meant for evil and turned it around for good. Today, the mantel has been passed on to another anointed young man of God, who, along with the congregation, continues to move forward with incredible influence and ministry outreach.

As we embark upon this new year, we must remember the importance of patience and trust in God's plan. We may encounter closed doors, adversaries, and adversities. Still, we can be reassured that God provides entry to astonishing possibilities for His glory in His way and in His own time.

Dear Father, we thank You. All it takes is one unlocked door to make a difference in our lives and the lives of others.



Genesis 50:20

Isaiah 43:19

through our

unexpected

challenges

do new things

in our lives

January 2025 Praise & Prayer For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They Calendar

are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

or unjust things

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the next Door.

Praise Him

in the Hallway.



our adversaries

people's intentions

are against us, they

can never block

God's plan

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doing things