

# GOD KNOWS THE FUTURE AND HAS A PLAN

## Family Devotion — Lesson 86

### MEMORY VERSE — EZRA 1:2

***“Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.”***

- God moved the heart of king Cyrus to allow the Jews to return from Babylon and rebuild the Temple. Cyrus wasn't even a Jew, and God worked through him to accomplish His will. Being that God knows the future and has a plan, He predicted this was going to happen two hundred years before Cyrus was even born (Is. 44:28).
- God used a gentile nation (Babylon) to destroy the Jewish temple. Now, He uses a gentile nation (Persia) to help rebuild the temple.
- It's amazing how God works! He has unlimited resources and all power to accomplish His plan. Knowing the future and being able to control it certainly allows for great things to happen.
- We must be reminded:
  - God can use anyone to accomplish His plan.
  - God will never be caught off guard.
  - God is never limited in what He can do.
  - God is very creative in carrying out His will.
  - God has a time schedule that we must trust.
  - God desires to be praised and honored in whatever happens.
  - God wants us to trust Him, regardless of how hopeless or bad things seem.
  - God may use the most unlikely person to be a blessing to you and help you follow the Lord.
- It is important for us to know what God's plan is according to the Bible. Once we know and believe it, we must obey and trust God.
- Understanding that our God knows the future and has a plan certainly makes it easier to trust Him.
- *“Who is like unto the LORD our God, who dwelleth on high”* (Ps. 113:5).

### QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- Has God ever worked in your heart to do something? Explain.
- How does God knowing the future and having a plan affect how we should trust Him?
- Have you ever limited God in what He could do? Explain.

### PRAYER TIME

- Ask God to open your eyes to His limitless power.
- Step out by faith and trust God for something that seems impossible.

### CHALLENGE

- Ask three people what they believe God's plan is for their lives.