

“The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.”

Psalm 16:6

I remember hearing the Gospel message as it was framed in Campus Crusade’s little evangelistic tract, *The Four Spiritual Laws*. Law One is, “God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life.” What an incredible thought! The God of the universe knows me, all about me, and not only loves me in spite of what He knows, but actually has a plan for my life! After praying a prayer asking Christ to take my life, forgive my sins and use me in whatever way He saw fit, I began to see Jesus showing up in my life and experience. It was as if my eyes were opened; the Bible became a different book and has remained a different book ever since. My life took a different turn from any I had anticipated and I felt that Christ was leading me to serve in ministry in some way.

This morning I read a chapter in a book by John Flavel, an English Presbyterian pastor of the 1600’s. He spoke of God’s providence, in calling us to meaningful work that provided for our physical needs, and employed us in pursuits that lead not only ourselves but our families and others to godly pursuits. Truly, that is what the Lord has done for me. I never dreamed I would serve in ministry as a preacher. I never dreamed when I came here that I would stay for as long as I have. Last Sunday, a couple visited church from out of town. I had officiated their wedding early in my ministry here. It was a joy to see them still together, still in church, still growing in their faith and discipleship to Jesus. I left church reminded of the words of the Psalmist, “The lines have fallen in pleasant places for me.” It is a privilege to be a Christian, to be a minister of the Gospel, and to get to see the fruit of one’s labor. It was no lie that God has loved me and unfolded His plan for me faithfully...a day at a time.

Heavenly Father, Thank You that You are faithful to work things out for my good, even though I don’t always see it that way instantly. Amen.

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