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When God does things, He often

involves people.

Along with His plan for our life come opportunities for us to participate. We know and believe that salvation through Jesus is free to us, only because others already paid the price.

Since the day Jesus left us with the Great Commission, missionaries, preachers, and evangelists have given up careers, the comforts of home, and even their own lives to bring the gospel to the nations. Moses had a tough job to do when God freed the Israelites from Egypt. Esther had a dangerous role to play when God saved the Jews from certain death. It cost Mary her firstborn child for God to save the world. What will it cost you to allow God to carry out His plan through your life? Are you willing to say "yes", not my will but Thine be done?

Prayer for Today

Father, I realize that You paid the price for me, and my life belongs to You. Thank You for having a good plan for my life. Please make my thoughts agreeable with Your thoughts and show me my role in Your big plan. Help me to be obedient. I know that I can do all things through Christ, who gives me strength.

Scriptures for Today

Matthew 16:24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must put aside your selfish ambition, shoulder your cross, and follow me." (NLT)

Luke 1:38 Mary responded, 'I am the Lord's servant, and I am willing to accept whatever He wants. May everything you have said come true.' And then the angel left. (NLT)