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The Tale of Three Trees

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11 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**.
28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to {His} purpose.

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God {is} for us, who {is} against us?

(NAS)
OUR GOD IS FOR YOU
For your good, for your welfare, for your life
32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? ...

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ... (Idea is NO!) (NAS)
37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.
38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,
39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(NAS)
Every Life Has a Purpose

- Every person is important to God
- He created each of us to love
- His plans are to “prosper” us
The Gifts of God...

- CERTAINTY for today
- OPTIMISM for the future

HIS HOPE!

(Rom. 5:1–5)
God wants us to believe in the **future**.

That He has a **future** for us.

A **future** in which he will use all of us for our Good and His glory!
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Once Upon a Time...
The First Little Tree...
The Second Little Tree...
The Third Little Tree...
Years Passed...

Until one day
The First Tree was excited...
Likewise the Second Tree...
The Third Tree...
At First ...
The Second tree...
The Third tree...
Many many days passed...
But one night...
One evening a tired traveler...
One Friday morning...
But on the next Sunday Morning...
And the Third tree knew...

God’s love had changed everything.
God had...

- Filled the First Tree with great treasure.
- Used the Second tree to carry THE mighty King of Kings, Jesus Christ.
- Seen to it that every time people looked up to the Third tree, they would think of God and His Son, Jesus Christ!
And that was *better* than any of the little trees had ever dreamed...