



**Can't Mess it Up, Even if We Try
August 29-30, 2020**

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Romans 15:4 (NIV)

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

Knowing God’s Word gives me hope because it reminds me that:

1 God doesn’t lose track of me, even when I’m in a wasteland. – Moses

- My response – Don’t try to escape the wasteland.

The wasteland isn’t a punishment; it’s a training ground.

The wasteland isn’t about what you’re doing; it’s about who you’re becoming.

2 God isn’t impressed by my power, wealth, or success. – David

- My response – Listen to and obey God’s word and God’s people, especially when things are good.

3 God gives wisdom, even in the most complicated times. – Daniel

- My response – Embrace the challenge of complexity.

4 God’s plan for me doesn’t depend on the family I come from. – Josiah

- My response – Blaze a new trail.

5 My life is part of a story that is far bigger than me. – Esther

- My response – Trust God’s direction, even when I can’t see the whole picture.

Psalms 90:1-17 (TPT)

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