

The Weekly Message from Darren Brandon

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“The Lord Knows”



A colleague was updating me on a ministry project. They talked about some initial plans that had not worked out, but they were still exploring possibilities. Then they said, “Years ago, there was a last-minute change with our ministry plan, and we had to scramble. It turned out that we landed just where we needed to be. The Lord knows.”

The conversation was brief, but I took great encouragement from their words, “The Lord knows.” The phrase recalled memories of times when I was walking in one direction, only to have the doors close and send me on a detour. Some of those moments were heartbreaking for me. In a few instances, it wasn’t until years later that I could look back and give thanks because I was in a better place than if my original plans had worked out. Yes, the Lord knows. The Lord knows **best**.

Life is full of surprising twists and turns. Detours can be painful, discouraging, and dream-busting. While everything in life is not pleasant, everything is useful. Detours surprise, yet they can also take us into a new future. God does not cause suffering, but God can use it as an opportunity to lead us to where we most need to be. God can use disorienting moments to help us grow and even turn our pain into power.

We put crosses around the church as a sign that God can redeem any situation. How long does it take? A day? A month? A year? It takes as long as it takes. Yet, in the end, we can trust that the really does Lord know best.

Blessings,