Jeremiah 32:
1 This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar.
2 The army of the king of Babylon was then besieging Jerusalem,
2 The army of the king of Babylon was then besieging Jerusalem, and Jeremiah the prophet was confined in the courtyard of the guard in the royal palace of Judah.

3 Now Zedekiah king of Judah had imprisoned him there, saying, “Why do you prophesy as you do? You say, ‘This is what the LORD says: I am about to hand this city over to the king of Babylon, and he will capture it.”
4 Zedekiah king of Judah will not escape out of the hands of the Babylonians but will certainly be handed over to the king of Babylon, and will speak with him face to face and see him with his own eyes.

5 He will take Zedekiah to Babylon, where he will remain until I deal with him, declares the LORD. If you fight against the Babylonians, you will not succeed."

6 Jeremiah said, “The word of the LORD came to me:
7 Hanamel son of Shallum your uncle (Jeremiah’s cousin) is going to come to you and say, ‘Buy my field at Anathoth, because as nearest relative it is your right and duty to buy it.’

8 “Then, just as the LORD had said, my cousin Hanamel came to me in the courtyard of the guard and said, ‘Buy my field at Anathoth in the territory of Benjamin. Since it is your right to redeem it and possess it, buy it for yourself.’ "I knew that this was the word of the LORD;"

Luke 22:8 Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover.”

9 “Where do you want us to prepare for it?” they asked.
10 He replied, “As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters,
11 and say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’
12 He will show you a large upper room, all furnished. Make preparations there.”
13 They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

Judges 6
36 Gideon said to God, “If you will save Israel by my hand as you have promised—
37 look, I will place a wool fleece on the threshing floor. If there is dew only on the fleece and all the ground is dry, then I will know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you said.”
38 And that is what happened. Gideon rose early the next day; he squeezed the fleece and wrung out the dew—a bowlful of water.
39 Then Gideon said to God, “Do not be angry with me. Let me make just one more request. Allow me one more test with the fleece. This time make the fleece dry and the ground covered with dew.”
40 That night God did so. Only the fleece was dry; all the ground was covered with dew.
9 so I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out for him seventeen shekels of silver.
10 I signed and sealed the deed, had it witnessed, and weighed out the silver on the scales.
11 I took the deed of purchase—the sealed copy containing the terms and conditions, as well as the unsealed copy—
12 and I gave this deed to Baruch son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel and of the witnesses who had signed the deed and of all the Jews sitting in the courtyard of the guard.

13 “In their presence I gave Baruch these instructions:

14 ‘This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Take these documents, both the sealed and unsealed copies of the deed of purchase, and put them in a clay jar so they will last a long time.

15 For this is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Houses, fields and vineyards will again be bought in this land.’

“Seriously, God?” I was lying down face up on the floor at home, looking at the spinning blades of the ceiling fan. It was January 2014, and I was at a career crossroads in life.
Young, inexperienced and struggling to obey His voice—I had just finished a three-month Bible school in New Zealand, and upon my return to Malaysia, was learning what being jobless felt like. It had only been a few weeks, but I was going crazy.

You see, I’m a planner. I enjoy being in control of my life, and my future. I like selecting tasks, having goals, and working to achieve them.

After all, if you fail to plan, you’re planning to fail, right?

So there I was, confidently waiting for the Ultimate Planner to hand me a perfect plan. But then I felt God prompt me. “Take this time to rest. Don’t do anything, don’t plan anything, don’t even look for a job.”

After that? Silence.

In 2014, I learned firsthand that His plans will always trump mine. I obeyed and didn’t look for a job. Instead, I spent time with Him, binge-watched Top Chef, stared at the ceiling fan, and wallowed in self-pity (yes, still a sinner) as I struggled to trust His crazy plan. Looking back, those were precious moments in my Christian journey, for it was there in my deep pit that God became more real than ever to me. No longer did I feel like a puppet at the mercy of a grand puppeteer. Instead I found out more about His character: He’s a good Father, and He loves me.

True to His nature, God never let me down.
A little over two months later, I found a position at a Christian humanitarian organization.

Actually, after one initial inquiry led to a handful of offers, it felt more like the job found me, for God’s plans are never half-baked.

He’s also a long-term planner because a year later, while deployed on the job for an emergency response, I met a great guy who had volunteered. We’re celebrating our two-year wedding anniversary this month.

So yes, God’s plans may not make sense at the time, at least not to our limited minds.

Trusting Him is not always easy, especially when it seems like nothing’s working in your favor.

If you’re trying to make sense of God’s direction for your life in this season, I encourage you to be unafraid in asking Him for faith and clarity.

Seek wise counsel from those with spiritual authority in your life. Knock on the door of your heart, asking the Lord to help you trust Him wholeheartedly.

Finally, I pray you will find rest in the blessed assurance that your future is in the good, steady hands of the Ultimate Planner.
Jeremiah 32:17
17 “Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. **Nothing is too hard for you.**

Genesis 18:12–14
12 So she laughed silently to herself and said, “How could a worn-out woman like me enjoy such pleasure, especially when my master—my husband—is also so old?”
13 Then the LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh? Why did she say, ‘Can an old woman like me have a baby?’
14 Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return about this time next year, and Sarah will have a son.”

Matthew 27:1–2
1 Very early in the morning the leading priests and the elders of the people met again to lay plans for putting Jesus to death.
Then they bound him, led him away, and took him to Pilate, the Roman governor.

Mark 14:
35 Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him.
36 “Abba, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you.

Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

Isaiah 55:8–9
8 “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord.
9 “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Sometimes what God is doing makes no sense at all.
24 “See how the siege ramps are built up to take the city. Because of the sword, famine and plague, the city will be handed over to the Babylonians who are attacking it. What you said has happened, as you now see.

25 And though the city will be handed over to the Babylonians, you, O Sovereign Lord, say to me, ‘Buy the field with silver and have the transaction witnessed.’ ”

28 Therefore, this is what the Lord says: I am about to hand this city over to the Babylonians and to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, who will capture it.

29 The Babylonians who are attacking this city will come in and set it on fire; they will burn it down, along with the houses where the people provoked me to anger by burning incense on the roofs to Baal and by pouring out drink offerings to other gods.

30 “The people of Israel and Judah have done nothing but evil in my sight from their youth; indeed, the people of Israel have done nothing but provoke me with what their hands have made, declares the Lord.

31 From the day it was built until now, this city has so aroused my anger and wrath that I must remove it from my sight.
32 The people of Israel and Judah have provoked me by all the evil they have done—they, their kings and officials, their priests and prophets, the men of Judah and the people of Jerusalem.

33 They turned their backs to me and not their faces; though I taught them again and again, they would not listen or respond to discipline.

34 They set up their abominable idols in the house that bears my Name and defiled it.

35 They built high places for Baal in the Valley of Ben Hinnom to sacrifice their sons and daughters to Molech, though I never commanded, nor did it enter my mind, that they should do such a detestable thing and so make Judah sin.

36 “You are saying about this city, ‘By the sword, famine and plague it will be handed over to the king of Babylon’; but this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says:

37 I will surely gather them from all the lands where I banish them in my furious anger and great wrath; I will bring them back to this place and let them live in safety. 38 They will be my people, and I will be their God.
Our life should be about doing what God calls us to do whether we understand why or not!