



Michael Jr.

Focus God has been preparing you for the plans He has for you. He wants complete access to your life and to be your coach when it's game time.

Fun Michael Jr. shares his experience in church as a child and then again as an adult. Share any misinterpretations you have had about your church experiences.

Review Key Scriptures: Proverbs 18:16; Revelation 3:20

1. An event from your past may seem like a handicap. God didn't cause it; He will use it as preparation for what He has for you. Preparation looks like practice. When it's game time, we must be able to hear His voice or we'll get in the game and not know what to do.
2. God is like the navigation system in a car. The GPS doesn't abandon you if you make a wrong turn. It recalculates what you need to do, to get you where you're supposed to be, based on where you are. The road conditions may be difficult, and it may take you longer to get to your destination.
3. Imagine you are a house. Jesus is waiting outside and wants to come in. He won't force His way through the door. He wants an invitation. Whenever you've needed something, you've cracked open the door and asked Jesus for help. Maybe you haven't invited Him in because you feel the need to clean up the house first. He sees the whole house and still wants to come in. He'll bring His contractor—the Holy Spirit—to come in and clean every room.
4. Perhaps Jesus used to have access to the whole house, but now you've isolated Him to the "good room" at the front of the house. When people look inside your house and see the good room, it gives the impression that you have a great relationship with Jesus. Jesus wants access to your *whole* life.

Group Dynamics Idea Coordinate a group outing to Michael Jr.'s one-night event in theaters on October 18. For more details, visit <https://morethanfunnymovie.com>.

Discuss

1. Michael Jr. shared about his troubles with reading, which opened the door for him to minister to others through comedy. What event or disability in your life has helped you minister to others?
2. Read Proverbs 18:16. How has your gift opened doors for you?
3. Celebrities ask Michael Jr. how it's possible for God to want a relationship with them while they have lived however they wanted to. He tells them that God is like the GPS in a car. He doesn't abandon you on your way to your destination; He redirects you. What have been some consequences on your route?
4. Have you ever felt the need to clean up your life before allowing God to have access? When you read Revelation 3:20, what are the qualifications for Jesus coming into your life? Does He ask for your life to be clean?
5. Why do we only allow Jesus access to the "good room" in our lives? What do we think we are hiding from Him? What are we hiding from others? Repent and give Jesus access to your *whole* life.

Take Home As we conclude, remember the following:

- Simply receive this message from the Lord, "I love you."
- God will use the difficult circumstances of your life to prepare you for the plans He has for you.
- As you navigate life, God will redirect you to the purpose and plans He has for you.
- Jesus will not force His way into your life. He wants you to invite Him.
- Invite Jesus in and let Him work on the messes in your life.
- Jesus wants access to your whole life. You can't hide anything from Him.

Prayer

Lord, thank You for your plans for me even when I've pushed you away or kept you isolated to a small part of my life. I want you to have access to every part of me. Please come into my life and guide me each day. I confess I've tried to take care of my life on my own. I give You control. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip Create a personal prayer team. Ask two or three people who know you well to pray for you while you lead your group. Include your Section Leader on the team. Let the team know how they can pray specifically for you throughout the semester. To respect your group members' privacy, avoid all gossip.