

Mid-Week Service: Finding God's Purpose for Your Life (Part 2)

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Recap from Part 1: The Journey of Purpose

Text: Jeremiah 29: 11 - *I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out - plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for. (MSG)*

In the last service, we started the journey of purpose where we answered five peculiar questions regarding purpose:

- The Question of Identity.
- The Question of Source
- The Question of Purpose
- The Question of Potential
- The Question of Destiny

Furthermore, we went further to discuss three things that affect the purpose

1. Sin

Remember, we talked about how Mary's purpose was to bring Jesus to the world but if she had chosen not to be holy by defiling herself, her purpose would have been lost. Sin doesn't only affect you, it affects God's plan for your life

2. Disobedience

Never disobey what God is asking you to do. For your purpose there are specific instructions God will ask you to carry out. Whatever God is asking you to do, try as much as possible to do it.

3. Procrastination

When you postpone the mandate of God on your life, you will face the punishment

In this service, we will be going further in the journey of finding God's purpose for your life

Topic: The Truth about God's Purpose

Text: 2 Timothy 1:9

"who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began" (NKJV)

Introduction: God's calling over your life is not ordinary, it is holy. Never trivialize it because it is your lifeline, your destiny; it is everything you have. You are saved in Christ for a purpose, discover it or else your reward will be lost. Your God-given purpose is sacred, never look down on it or compare it with another. Take, for instance, a media person do not need to envy another worker in another department because he knows that is his purpose and it is sacred.

God does not give you purpose because you are holy. He does not count your work, He chooses you by Grace. After choosing yourself and recognizing the grace, you maintain the Grace by Holy living else you will forfeit the calling (purpose).

Jeremiah. 1: 4 - 5

Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations." (NKJV)

You are who God says you are. It is not about your ability but of God that has ordained you. Yes, Moses was known to be a stammer yet he was

granted an authority by purpose to be sent to Pharaoh and release the children of Israel. You have been formed before you are on Earth. It is not even about your past mistakes or sins, God has already planned everything about you for His will.

THE TRUTH ABOUT PURPOSE

Truth 1: Purpose exists before product.

No manufacturer produces without thinking to meet the need of the people targeted. Hence, you are not here by error or mistake or accident; it is predetermined.

" You are a finished product. May unbelief never destroy the purpose of God for you "

Ephesians 1:11

In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, (NKJV)

Truth 2: Your end was established before your beginning.

Psalms 139: 16

Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book, they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them. (NKJV)

Isaiah 46:10

Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, "My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure, (NKJV)

God is the master planner involved in the timing and process of everything written about you. Hence, you can't question your maker but instead, discover your purpose.

"You are uniquely unique to do a unique thing in your generation. There is none like you."

Truth 3: Purpose is more powerful than your plan.

Proverbs 19: 21

There are many plans in a man's heart, Nevertheless the LORD's counsel-- that will stand. (NKJV)

The moment you discover purpose, put aside your plans. When God steps in, plans become useless. Make your plans after discovering God's purpose for your life. Your plan has to align with your purpose.

"Whatever you do outside of purpose is wrong."

Truth 4: Purpose is the destination before the journey.

Truth 5: Purpose is the final address of your life

Acts 13: 36

"For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption; (NKJV)

"Don't miss out on the divine purpose, serve the will of God in your own generation."

Truth 6: Purpose is the essence of living

John 18: 37

Pilate said, "So you are a king?"

Jesus responded, "You say I am a king. Actually, I was born and came into the world to testify to the truth. All who love the truth recognize that what I say is true." (NLT)

Psalm 49: 20

A man who is in honour, yet does not understand, is like the beasts that perish.(NKJV)

When you are given a purpose, yet you do not understand; the Bible says it is synonymous with a beast that perishes

If you go without discovering purpose, you will face a judgement.

" God is calling us not to die without discovering why we are here."

Conclusion: Pray wholeheartedly that you will never miss your purpose. May God help you and open your eyes to see. May you never disappoint and fail God.

"You are born and called for a purpose. No matter what. Discover it. Commit yourself to it. Remain faithful to it. The understanding purpose will guide your action. Purpose is more than activities.

Never forget: You are born for a purpose. You are here for a reason. You are never an accident."