



Discovering God’s Purpose

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People in general are quietly asking the EXACT same question. Not necessarily in crisis. Not necessarily out loud. Somewhere underneath the calendar, the routine, the responsibilities, there lies this question: **IS THERE MORE TO MY LIFE THAN WHAT I AM CURRENTLY LIVING?**

Three Areas to Settle First...

Q1. WHY WAS I BORN?

Jeremiah asked this question:

Jeremiah 20:18 (NLT) *Why was I ever born? My entire life has been filled with trouble, sorrow, and shame.*

Psalms 139:13-14 (NLT) *“You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb. Thank you for making me*

Jeremiah 1:5 (NLT) *“I knew you before I formed you in your mother’s womb. Before you were born, I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations.”*

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT) *For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.*

POINT: He uniquely crafted a masterpiece. **YOU!**

You are complex, intricately designed, and uniquely fashioned for His purpose.

APPLICATION: You didn’t have to earn a reason to be here. You were given one before you ever showed up.

Q2. DOES MY LIFE MATTER?

Isaiah asked this question:

Isaiah 49:4 (NLT) *“But my work seems so useless! I have spent my strength for nothing and to no purpose.*

Genesis 1:27 (NLT) *“So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”*

Matthew 10:29-31 (NLT) *“What is the price of two sparrows — one copper coin? But not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.”*

1 Peter 1:18-19 (NLT) *“For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.”*

POINT: Your value was never determined by your condition, your mistakes, your mess, your worst day. It was determined by the price God was willing to pay for you.

APPLICATION: Stop letting comparison, criticism, or your own inner critic set your price. God already set it. And He paid it in full.

Q3. WHAT IS MY PURPOSE?

David asked this question...

Psalms 89:47 (NCV) *“Why did you create us? For Nothing?”*

Proverbs 16:4 (NLT) *The Lord has made everything for his own purposes,*

Proverbs 19:21 (NLT) *You can make many plans, but the Lord’s purpose will prevail.*

Proverbs 16:33 (NLT) *We may throw the dice, but the Lord determines how they fall.*

Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT) *“For I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”*

Acts 17:26-27 (NLT) *“From one man he created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and he determined their boundaries. His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him — though he is not far from any one of us.”*

Ephesians 1:4-6 (NLT) *Long before he laid down earth’s foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love. Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ.*

POINT: You are not late. You are not early. You are exactly where God intended you to be, at exactly the right time, for a reason.

APPLICATION: Stop only asking, “What do I want to do with my life?” Start asking, “God, what did You make me to do?”

Ephesians 1:11-12 (MSG) *It’s in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.*

THIS WEEK: ASK GOD ONE SIMPLE QUESTION EVERY DAY:

“WHAT DID YOU MAKE ME TO DO TODAY?” THEN, PAY ATTENTION!

