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God's Purpose for Your Life!

Sub-Topic: What's your Purpose in Serving God?

Scripture: Romans 8:28 - And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Purpose means that which a person sets before himself as an object to be reached or accomplished; the end or aim to which the view is directed in any plan, measure or exertion. The ambition of mankind is generally directed to one of two purposes, or to both; the acquisition of wealth or of power.

Your Purpose starts with God! If you want to know why you were placed on this earth, you must begin with God. You were born by His purpose and for His purpose. The search for the purpose of life has puzzled people for thousands of years. **That's because we typically begin at the wrong starting point—ourselves.** Colossians 1:16 says, "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him." Focusing on ourselves will never reveal our life's purpose. You were made by God and for God—and until you understand that, life will never make sense.

You are not an accident and were created for God's pleasure! Long before you were conceived by your parents, you were conceived in the mind of God. He also determined the natural talents you would possess and the uniqueness of your personality. God's motive for creating you was His love. The moment you were born into the world, God was there as an unseen witness, smiling at your birth. Revelation 4:11 said: "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created." You were born to worship God far more than music. It is a lifestyle. It brings glory and pleasure to our Creator. Therefore, do everything as if you were doing it for Jesus. The heart of worship is surrender. Then you will obey God's word, **even if it doesn't make sense and is best demonstrated in obedience and trust.** God wants most from you is a relationship. Trusting God completely and having faith that He knows what is best for your life. **What area of your life are you holding back from God?** God doesn't expect you to be perfect, but He does insist on complete honesty.

You were created to become like Christ. God announced this intention at Creation: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness" (Genesis 1:26). Like God, we are *spiritual beings*—our spirits are immortal and will outlast our earthly bodies. His ultimate goal for our lives on earth is not comfort, but character development. God wants us to develop the kind of character described in the beatitudes of Jesus (Matthew 5:1-12), the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23), Paul's great chapter on love (1 Corinthians 13), and Peter's list of the characteristics of an effective and productive life (2 Peter 1:5-8). Paul explains in Ephesians 4:22-24 our three responsibilities in becoming like Christ.

You were placed here for a special assignment. The LORD told Jeremiah, "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations" (Jeremiah 1:5). Your assignment is a continuation of Jesus' mission on earth. He calls us not only to *come to Him*, but to *go for Him*. In the Great Commission Jesus said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." (Matthew 28:19-20). Telling others how they can have eternal life is the greatest thing you can do for them. If you fail to fulfill your God-given assignment on earth, you will have wasted the life God gave you. It is easy to get distracted, because Satan would rather have you do anything besides sharing your faith. **To fulfill your assignment will require that you abandon your agenda and accept God's agenda for your life.**

God's purpose is to offer salvation to the world. God is sovereign; He is in charge. When your life seems chaotic, rest in this truth: Jesus is Lord, and in control. His purpose to save you cannot be thwarted, no matter what evil Satan may bring. God loves us, chose us, and sent Christ to die for us. We can have eternal life through faith in Him, because He broke the power of death with His resurrection. **We do not deserve to be saved, but God offers us salvation anyway.** All we have to do is obey Acts 2:38, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

May you be blessed with these encouraging words regarding a purposeful life!