

THE CALL IS FOR YOU

Live Your Calling: What On Earth Am I Here For?- Part 1

“We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose.”

Rom. 8:28 (NIV)

“My prayer is that light will flood your hearts and that you will understand the hope that was given to you when God CALLED YOU. Then you will discover the glorious blessings that will be yours together with all of God’s people!”

Eph. 1:18-19 (CEV)

WHAT I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MY LIFE’S CALLING

1. _____

“God, by his grace through Christ, has called you to become his people.”

Gal. 1:6 (NCV)

“He has saved us and called us to a holy life - not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace.”

2 Tim. 1:9 (NIV)

2. _____

“Before the two boys were born, God told Rebekah, ‘The older will serve the younger.’ This was before the boys had done anything good or bad. God said this so that the one chosen would be chosen because of God’s own plan. He was chosen because he was the one God wanted to call, not because of anything he did.”

Rom. 9:11 (NCV)

“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Eph. 2:10 (NIV)

3. _____

“It pleased God in his kindness to choose me and call me even before I was born! What undeserved mercy!”

Gal. 1:15 (NLT)

“Before I shaped you in the womb, I knew all about you. Before you saw the light of day, I had holy plans for you.”

Jer. 1:5 (MSG)

“I am your Creator. You were in my care even before you were born!”

Isaiah 44:2 (CEV)

4. _____

“By calling me into his service, Jesus has judged me trustworthy, even though I used to be a blasphemer and a persecutor and contemptuous. Mercy, however, was shown me, because while I lacked faith, I acted in ignorance.”

1 Tim. 1:12-13 (NJB)

5. _____

“God’s gifts and his calling are irrevocable.”

Rom. 11:29 (NIV)

“God’s gifts and his call can never be withdrawn.”

Rom.11:29 (NLT)

6. _____

“We are all one body, we have the same Spirit, and we have all been called to the same glorious future hope.”

Eph. 4:4 (NLT)

“Brothers and sisters, you are holy partners in a heavenly calling.”

Heb. 3:1 (GW)

7. _____

“I now urge you to live the life to which God called you.”

Eph. 4:1 (NCV)

“That is why we always pray for you, asking our God to help you live the kind of life he called you to live. We pray that with his power God will help you do the good things you want and perform the works that come from your faith.”

2Thes. 1:11 (NCV)

“The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.”

1 Thes. 5:24 (NIV)

8. _____

“I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

Phil. 3:14 (NIV)

“Live the kind of life that pleases God, who calls you to share in his own Kingdom and glory.”

1 Thes. 2:12 (TEV)

CALLED TO BE LOVED

Live Your Calling: What On Earth Am I Here For?- Part 2

“Long ago, even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure.”

Eph. 1:4-5 (NLT)

The first purpose of my life is _____

“This letter is from Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James. I am writing to all who are called to live in the love of God the Father and in the care of Jesus Christ.”

Jude 1:1 (NLT)

My first calling is _____

“Dear friends in Rome, God loves you dearly, and he has called you to be his very own people.”

Rom. 1:7 (NLT)

That relationship is to be _____

“What an incredible quality of love the Father has shown to us, that we should be named and called and counted the children of God! And so we are!”

1 John 3:1 (Amp)

“I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts as you trust in him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God’s marvelous love; and may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love really is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it.”

Eph. 3:17-19 (LB, NLT)

WIDE ENOUGH _____

LONG ENOUGH _____

DEEP ENOUGH _____

HIGH ENOUGH _____

WHAT CHANGES HAPPEN IF I STAY AWARE OF GOD'S CONSTANT LOVE FOR ME?

1. _____

“By faith we have been made acceptable to God. And now, because of our Lord Jesus Christ, we live at peace with God.”

Rom. 5:1 (CEV)

“If God says his chosen ones are acceptable to him, can anyone bring charges against them? Or can anyone condemn them? No indeed!”

Rom. 8:33-34 (CEV)

2. _____

“All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God! So, you should not be like cowering, fearful slaves. You should behave instead like God's very own children, adopted into his family—calling him ‘Father, dear Father.’ ... And since we are his children, we will share his treasures—for everything God gives to his Son, Christ, is ours, too.”

Rom. 8:14-15, 17 (NLT)

“Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

Heb. 4:16 (NIV)

3. _____

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

Rom. 8:28 (NIV)

4. _____

“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment.”

1 John 4:18 (NIV)

5. _____

“So don’t worry about having enough food or drink or clothing. He will give you all you need from day to day if you live for him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern. So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

Matt. 6:31-34 (NLT)

“Give yourselves completely to God since you have been given new life.”

Rom. 6:13b (NLT)

“To all who believed him and accepted him, Jesus gave the right to become children of God.”

John 1:12 (NLT)

YOU ARE CALLED TO BELONG

Live Your Calling: What On Earth Am I Here For? – Part 3

“God is the one who made all things, and all things are for his glory. He wanted to have many children share his glory...”

Heb. 2:10 (NCV)

The 2nd purpose of my life is that

“His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ.”

Eph. 1:5 (NLT)

God’s family is called _____

“I am writing to you... so you will know how to live in the family of God. That family is the church of the living God, the support and foundation of the truth.”

1 Tim. 3:14-15 (NCV)

I AM _____ **TO HIS CHURCH**

“So now you are no longer visitors or strangers. Now you are citizens together with God’s holy people. You belong to God’s family.”

Eph. 2:19 (ICB)

“You are among those who have been called to belong to Jesus Christ.”

Rom. 1:6 (NLT)

“Ecclesia” (church) = “the called out”

THE BENEFITS OF BELONGING 5 Bible Metaphors

1. IN GOD’S FAMILY: _____

“You are members of God’s very own family... and you belong in God’s household with every other Christian.”

Eph. 2:19 (LB)

“Jesus and the people he makes holy all belong to the same family. That is why he isn’t ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters.”

Heb. 2:11 (CEV)

2. IN GOD’S TEMPLE: _____

“In Christ the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.”

Eph. 2:21-22 (NIV)

“I want us to help each other with the faith we have. Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you.”

Rom. 1:12 (NCV)

3. IN CHRIST’S BODY: _____

“Just as there are many parts to our bodies, so it is with Christ’s Body. We are all parts of it, and it takes every one of us to make it complete, for we each have different work to do. So we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others.”

Rom. 12:4-5 (LB)

“If your foot says, ‘I’m not a part of the body because I’m not a hand,’ that doesn’t make it any less a part of the body. And if your ear says, ‘I’m not part of the body because I’m only an ear and not an eye,’ would that make it any less a part of the body?”

1 Cor. 12:15-16 (NLT)

“In Christ’s Body we’re all connected to each other.”

Eph. 4:25 (MSG)

4. IN GOD’S FLOCK: _____

“Take care of God’s flock, his people, that you are responsible for. Watch over them because you want to, not because you are forced to do it.”

1 Peter. 5:2 (ICB)

“Share each other’s troubles and problems, and in this way obey the law of Christ.”

Gal. 6:2 (NLT)

“Encourage each other and give each other strength.”

1 Thes. 5:11 (NCV)

5. IN GOD’S GARDEN: _____

“A branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful apart from me. I am the vine and you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. But apart from me you can do nothing.”

John 15:4-5 (NLT)

YOU ARE CALLED TO BECOME

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“We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are CALLED according to his PURPOSE FOR THEM. For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn, with many brothers and sisters.”

Rom. 8:28-29 (NLT)

MY 3RD LIFE CALLING: _____

HOW DO I BECOME WHAT GOD CALLS ME TO BE?

Running Your Marathon to Maturity: Hebrews 12

1. _____

“Let us strip off anything that slows us down or holds us back, and especially those sins that wrap themselves so tightly around our feet and trip us up; and let us run with patience the particular race that God has set before us.”

Heb. 12:1 (LB)

2. _____

“...Let us run with patience the particular race that God has set before us.”

Heb. 12:1b (LB)

3. _____

“We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from start to finish.”

Heb. 12:2 a (NLT)

“All of us have had that veil removed so that we can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord. And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him and reflect his glory even more.”

2 Cor. 3:18 (NLT)

4. _____

“Jesus did not give up because of the cross! On the contrary, because of the joy that was waiting for him, he thought nothing of the disgrace of dying on the cross, and he is now seated at the right side of God’s throne. Think of what he went through; how he put up with so much hatred from sinners! So do not let yourselves become discouraged and give up.”

Heb. 12:2-3 (TEV)

“After you suffer for a short time, God, who gives all grace, will make everything right. He will make you strong and support you and keep you from falling. He called you to share in his glory in Christ, a glory that will continue forever.”

1 Peter 5:10 (NCV)

MEMORY VERSE

“In ALL things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

Romans 8:28

5. _____

“Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another as you see the Day approaching.”

Heb. 10:24-25 (NIV)

6. _____

“I don’t mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection! But I keep working toward that day when I will finally be all that Christ Jesus saved me for and wants me to be... I am still not all I should be, but I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is CALLING us up to heaven.”

Phil. 3:12-14 (NLT)

7. _____

“All athletes practice strict self-control. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. So I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step. I am not like a boxer who misses his punches.”

1 Cor. 9:25-26 (NLT)

“Lift up your tired hands, then, and strengthen your trembling knees! Keep walking on straight paths, so that your lame foot may not be disabled, but instead be healed.”

Heb. 12:12-13 (TEV)

8. _____

“I am sure that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on that day when Christ Jesus comes back again.”

Phil. 1:6 (NLT)

“Dear friends, we are already God’s children, and we can’t even imagine what we will be like when Christ returns. But we do know that when he comes we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is!”

1 John 3:2 (NLT)

YOU ARE CALLED TO BLESS

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4TH PURPOSE OF MY LIFE:

“We are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do!”

Eph. 2:10

MY LIFE CALLING:

TO BE A BI-VOCATIONAL _____

“God in his grace chose me even before I was born, and called me to serve him.”

Gal. 1:15 (TEV)

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I USE MY LIFE TO SERVE & BLESS OTHERS?

1. _____

“My life is being poured out as a part of the sacrifice and service I offer to God for your faith. Yet, I am filled with joy, and I share that joy with all of you.”

Phil. 2:17 (GW)

“Always be full of joy in the Lord; I say it again, rejoice! Let everyone see that you are unselfish and considerate in all you do.”

Phil. 4:4-5 (LB)

“God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God’s many kinds of blessings.”

1 Peter 4:10 (LB)

2. _____

“Your attitude must be like my own, for I did not come to be served but to serve...”

Matt. 20:28 (LB)

“If you serve Christ in this way, you will please God and be respected by people.”

Rom. 14:18 (CEV)

“The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped.”

Prov. 11:25 (MSG)

3. _____

“If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will find true life.”

Mark 8:35

“Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your work in the Lord is never wasted.”

1 Cor. 15:58 (NCV)

4. _____

“Good people will be remembered as a blessing.”

Prov. 10:7 (NCV)

“If you want to be great, you must be the servant of all the others.”

Matt. 20:26 (CEV)

“God is fair; he will not forget the work you did and the love you showed for him by helping his people. And he will remember that you are still helping them.”

Heb. 6:10 (NCV)

“My Father will honor anyone who serves me.”

John 12:26 (NCV)

HOW TO GET THE MOST FROM MINISTRY EXPO

Browse with 3 perspectives

1. *MY GROUP: Collect as many ideas as you can.
Bring them back to your group to discuss a GROUP PROJECT.*
2. *MY FAMILY: Look for an opportunity that your whole family can do together.*
3. *MYSELF: Ask, "God what role do you have for me?"*

I'M CALLED TO BE SENT

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**GOD'S PLAN FOR HISTORY: He's gathering a Family
that will _____ forever! (Eph. 1:5)**

"Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being SENT? That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring Good News!'"

Rom.10:13-15 (NLT)

MY 5TH PURPOSE & CALLING IN LIFE:

"Through Christ, God made peace between us and himself. Then God gave us the work of bringing others into peace with him."

2 Cor. 5:18 (ICB)

"Jesus said, 'PEACE be with you! As the Father has SENT me, I am SENDING you...'"

John 20:21 (NIV)

THE PEACE PLAN:

"Ordinary people - empowered by God - making a difference together - wherever they are!"

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and APPOINTED YOU TO GO and bear fruit – fruit that will last."

John 15:16 (NIV)

3 DIMENSIONS

- 1. PERSONAL- my personal mission to the people in my life.**
- 2. LOCAL - my small group's mission to others in our area.**
- 3. GLOBAL - our church's mission to the entire world!**

P.E.A.C.E. – JESUS' MISSION MODEL

JESUS' STRATEGY 5 GLOBAL GIANTS

Plant churches/Preach reconciliation Spiritual emptiness

Equip servant leaders

Assist the poor

Care for the sick

Educate the next generation

Self-centered leaders

Extreme poverty

Pandemic diseases

Illiteracy & education

PEACE 1.0 "Mercury" (2003-2007)

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

PEACE 2.0 "Gemini" (2008-2011)

"Go and make disciples of ALL nations..."

Matt. 28:19-20 (NIV)

PEACE 3.0 "Apollo - Going to the moon!"

A Believer, a Bible, & a Body of Christ in every tribe by 2020

"It will all happen as I have planned. It will come about according to my purposes... I have a plan for the whole earth, for my mighty power reaches throughout the world."

Isaiah 14:24+26 (NLT)

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO DO?

1. _____

"Jesus said, 'There are so many people to harvest but only a few workers to help harvest them. PRAY to the Lord, who owns the harvest, that he will SEND OUT more workers to gather his harvest.'"

Matt. 9:37-38 (NCV)

2. _____

“We must support believers who go on trips like this so that we can work together with them in spreading the truth.”

3 John 1:8 (GW)

“Freely you have received, freely give.”

Matt. 10:8 (NIV)

3. _____

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’”

Isaiah 6:8 (NIV)

“Send us around the world with the news of your saving power and your eternal plan for all mankind!”

Psalms 67:2 (LB)

4. _____

“Jesus said ‘Go back home and tell people how much God has done for you.’ So the man went all over town telling how much Jesus had done for him.”

Luke 8:39 (NCV)

“Work at bringing others to Christ.”

2 Tim. 4:5 (NLT)

WHY GOD MADE YOU!

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“It is in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for . . . part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.”

Ephesians 1:11-12 (Mes)

“Everything, absolutely everything . . . got started in Christ and finds its purpose in him.”

Colossians 1:16 (Mes)

1. GOD PLANNED ME

“You God created everything, and it is for your pleasure that they exist and were created!”

Revelation 4:11b (NLT)

“The Lord takes pleasure in his people . . .”

Psalms 149:4 (TEV)

“Long before he laid down earth’s foundations, God had us in mind, and settled on us as the focus of his love . . .”

Ephesians 1:4 (Mes)

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.”

Matthew 22:37-38 (NIV)

“I don’t want your sacrifices—I want your love! I don’t want your offerings—I want you to know me!”

Hosea 6:6 (LB)

THE 1st PURPOSE OF LIFE IS TO:

“Some people have missed the most important thing in life—they don’t know God.”

1 Timothy 6:21 (LB)

“People who don’t know God are always worrying . . .”

Matthew 6:32a (CEV)

2. GOD FORMED ME

“God’s unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure.”

Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)

“God has given us the privilege of being born again so that we are now members of God’s own family.”

1 Peter 1:3a (LB)

“That family is the church of the living God, the support and foundation of the truth.”

1 Timothy 3:15b (NCV)

“Love your spiritual family.”

1 Peter 2:17b (Mes)

THE 2nd PURPOSE OF LIFE IS TO: _____

“We belong to each other and each of us needs all the others.”

Romans 12:5 (NLT)

3. GOD CREATED ME _____

“From the very beginning God decided that those who came to him—and all along he knew who would—should become like his Son . . .”

Romans 8:29 (LB)

“We look at the Son and see God’s original purpose in everything created.”

Colossians 1:15b (Mes)

“In your lives you must think and act like Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 2:5 (NCV)

“As the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him.”

2 Corinthians 3:18b (NLT)

THE 3rd PURPOSE OF LIFE IS TO: _____

“Some people have such shallow soil of character that when their emotions wear off and difficulty arrives, there’s nothing to show for it.”

Mark 4:17 (Mes)

4. GOD SHAPED ME _____

“You shaped me first inside, then out; you formed me in my mother’s womb.”

Psalm 139:13 (Mes)

Spiritual Gifts

Heart

Abilities

Personality

Experiences

“God made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us to do good works, which he planned in advance for us to live our lives doing.”

Ephesians 2:10 (NCV)

“God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God’s many kinds of blessings.”

1 Peter 4:10 (LB)

THE 4th PURPOSE OF LIFE IS TO: _____

5. GOD MADE ME _____

Jesus: “In the same way that The Father gave me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world.”

John 17:18 (Mes)

“I consider that my life will be wasted unless I use it to complete my mission and finish the assignment that the Lord Jesus has given to me—to tell everyone the Good News about God’s grace.”

Acts 20:24 (ICB/Lit)

“We can make all kinds of plans, but only God’s purpose will last forever.”

Proverb 19:21

“Jesus included everyone in his death so everyone could be included in his life, a far better life than people ever lived on their own.”

2 Corinthians 5:15 (Mes)

“Open your eyes and see how good God is! Blessed are you who run to him.”

Psalm 34:8 (Mes)

Jesus: “Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me for real rest . . . and you’ll recover your life . . . and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”

Matthew 11:28-30 (Mes)

“It makes no difference who you are or where you’re from—if you want God and are ready to do as he says, the door is open.”

Acts 10:35 (Mes)

A PRAYER TO START LIVING THE LIFE THAT GOD CREATED YOU TO LIVE

Dear God, Everything you create has a purpose, including me. I don’t want to miss my purpose, or waste my life, or live it disconnected from you anymore. Instead I want to become what YOU designed me to be. Starting today, I want to follow your plan for my life, not my plan. You made me for a relationship with you, so I want to get to know you and love you and trust you. Thank you for sending Jesus to pay for my sin. Help me to understand that. I humbly ask you to accept me into your family forever. I want to grow more like Jesus every day. And I want to use my life on earth to serve you by serving others. Help me to share this good news with others and to fulfill my life mission. I invite you into every area of my life.