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JOHN 1:1-18



# **Part 5: The Witness - God's Plan For Your Life**

John 1:1-8

INTRODUCTION	NOTES
God has called you to be a witness. You need to realize that regardless of where God takes you, regardless of where He places you, and regardless of what situation you may find yourself in, He's got a plan for your life. Part of that plan is for you to be a witness for Him and to point other people to Christ. In order to fulfill this calling on your life to be a witness, there are several things you must understand. In this week's message, we're going to take a look at four of those things specifically.	
KEY POINTS	
1. I Have A Road To Walk With God	-
God prepared John the Baptist in an unbelievable way for an unbelievable task, just like the unbelievable way God has been shaping your life for an unbelievable task that you haven't earned, which is to be a witness for Him. You have a legacy. Your life is important. You shouldn't discount one thing you have gone through, one thing that has happened to you, or one thing that you have done wrong. Maybe you've created pain in other people's lives, but don't discount that. God uses everything, and He is not caught off guard by your actions, good or bad. He has a plan for your life, and He has a road laid out for you that He wants to walk with you.	
2. I Have A Relationship With God To Maintain	-
When you understand and embrace the fact that you have been sent from God, you will quit trying to make a living and start trying to make a difference. When you know that you're sent from God, you know where your power lies. It comes from Him. You know where your position rests. You're in Christ, and that should make you secure emotionally, mentally, and spiritually. Therefore, you know where your purpose flows. You are to be a witness, and nothing is more important for us as witnesses than to maintain a relationship with the Lord.	
3. I Have A Responsibility To Just Be Me	
Don't try to be anyone else. Just be you. You need to just be who you are because everybody else is taken. You are unique. Just like God shaped John the Baptist for a certain destiny, He has shaped you for a certain destiny as well. As you walk with Him and you understand that responsibility to just be you, it will set you free. If the Lord wanted another Billy Graham, He would have created another Billy Graham. But He didn't. He created you to be a uniquely gifted human being, so rest in that instead of getting caught in the trap of comparing yourself to everyone else.	

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#### 4. I Have A Role To Fulfill

During the time you spend on this earth, you are either going to be a good witness or a bad witness for Christ. There will come a point, or possibly several points, in your life when you will have the opportunity to stand for Christ. And as His followers, we should take this responsibility seriously. Our role as Christians is to stand up for our faith and speak truth to those around us whenever we have the chance. The Lord will give you the sensitivity to walk with Him, to speak for Him, and to live for Him. Ultimately, He wants you to stand for Him and live for Him all of our days.

This life is not to be lived to amass a huge fortune and say, "Well, I did it." It is to use whatever fortune God gives you, whatever influence He has granted you, and whatever experience you have gone through to point others to Christ. We must tell the world that the only fulfillment you can ever have in your life is found when you come to Christ and fall in love with Jesus. Spreading this encouragement is why you exist, and when you fulfill this role the Lord has given you, it honors Him.

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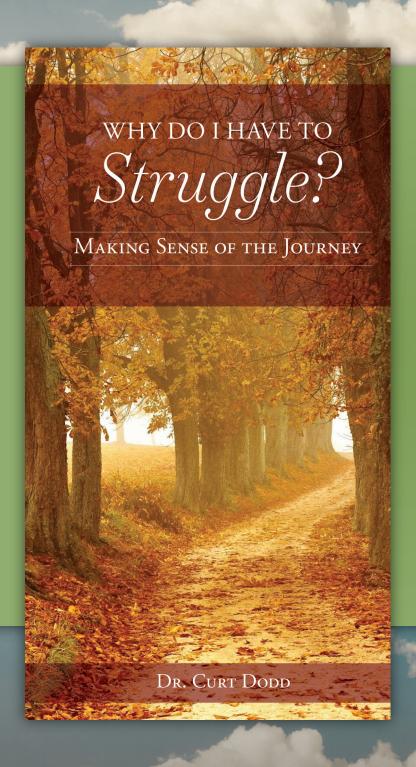
#### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Based	l on your w	vords, your	actions,	and your	interactions	, would	you s	say you	are a
good wit	tness for Cl	hrist or a ba	id witness	s for Chris	st?				

2	. Do yo	u struggle	with	compari	ing yoursel	f to other	people?	If so,	what i	s one	vers	e in
S	criptur	e that you	can l	oegin to	commit to	memory	that will	help	you fo	ocus o	n be	ing
y	ourself,	rather tha	ın tryi	ing to be	someone e	else?						

3. Are you living your life fully surrendered to God's plan for you? Or are you still trying to make your own plan come to fruition instead?

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