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**Thrive**  
**Designed with Purpose**

**Thrive – healthy and growing in all areas of your life.**

**Do you ever wander aimlessly?**

**Big Idea: You were designed with Purpose and you have a Purpose!**

**Scripture: Jeremiah 1:4-10 NLT –** <sup>4</sup>The Lord gave me this message: <sup>5</sup>“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.” <sup>6</sup>“O Sovereign Lord,” I said, “I can’t speak for you! I’m too young!” <sup>7</sup>The Lord replied, “Don’t say, ‘I’m too young,’ for you must go wherever I send you and say whatever I tell you. <sup>8</sup>And don’t be afraid of the people, for I will be with you and will protect you. I, the Lord, have spoken!” <sup>9</sup>Then the Lord reached out and touched my mouth and said, “Look, I have put my words in your mouth! <sup>10</sup>Today I appoint you to stand up against nations and kingdoms. Some you must uproot and tear down, destroy and overthrow. Others you must build up and plant.”

**How can we grab ahold of God’s purpose for us?**

- Recognize God’s plans were established before we took a breath.
  - You have been designed by God for God.
    - Jeremiah 1:4-5 NLT – <sup>4</sup>The Lord gave me this message: <sup>5</sup>“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.”
    - You have been set apart.
      - Psalm 139:16 NLT – <sup>16</sup>You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.
    - You have been ordained or appointed
      - Jeremiah 29:11 NIV – <sup>11</sup>For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

- 1 Peter 2:9 NIV – <sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.
- Don't allow excuses to keep you from following the Lord and His plans.
  - Jeremiah 1:6 NLT – <sup>6</sup> “O Sovereign Lord,” I said, “I can’t speak for you! I’m too young!”
  - Jeremiah 1:6-8 NLT – <sup>7</sup> The Lord replied, “Don’t say, ‘I’m too young,’ for you must go wherever I send you and say whatever I tell you. <sup>8</sup> And don’t be afraid of the people, for I will be with you and will protect you.
  - 1 Kings 18:21 NIV – <sup>21</sup> Elijah went before the people and said, “How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.” But the people said nothing.
- Allow the Lord to fill your mouth and direct your steps
  - Jeremiah 1:9 NLT – <sup>9</sup> Then the Lord reached out and touched my mouth and said, “Look, I have put my words in your mouth!
  - Psalm 119:130 NLT – <sup>130</sup> The teaching of your word gives light, so even the simple can understand.
  - Psalm 37:23-24 NLT – <sup>23</sup> The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. <sup>24</sup> Though they stumble, they will never fall, for the Lord holds them by the hand.
  - Isaiah 30:21 NLT – <sup>21</sup> Your own ears will hear him. Right behind you a voice will say, “This is the way you should go,” whether to the right or to the left.

### **Are you confident in your purpose?**

- You have been designed by God and have a calling on your life.

### **Next Steps**

- Memorize: Psalm 139:16
- Evaluate: What are the excuses that are keeping you away from God's best?
- Action: Step out in faith trusting that the Lord will give you what you need to fulfill His plans.