

Discovering Your Purpose

Fundamentals Series

Bible Text(s) Used:

Nehemiah 1–2; Matthew 9:36ⁱ; Ephesians 2:10ⁱⁱ

Purpose Begins with a Burden

Pastor Bo begins by reminding us that every person is created on purpose and for a purpose. Using the story of the Titanic band, he illustrates the difference between success and purpose—success is what we do for ourselves, but purpose is what we do for others. Nehemiah’s story shows that purpose often begins with a burden. When Nehemiah heard about Jerusalem’s broken walls, he didn’t ignore it—he wept. That emotional response revealed what God had placed on his heart. In the same way, our purpose is often found where our abilities meet the needs of others. Jesus Himself was moved with compassion when He saw people hurting. That same kind of “holy discontent” may be God’s way of pointing us toward our calling.

Reflection Question: What burden or concern has God placed on your heart that you may have been overlooking?

Purpose Grows Through Prayer and Patience

Discovering purpose requires prayer and patience. Nehemiah didn’t rush into action—he spent four months praying and fasting before taking a single step. His prayer included worship, confession, remembering God’s promises, and making a specific request. This teaches us that purpose is not something we force; it is something God develops in us over time. Pastor Bo emphasizes that God often works on us before He works through us. Just like a tree must grow deep roots before it can grow tall, our spiritual foundation must be strengthened in the waiting season.

Rather than rushing ahead, we are called to trust God's timing and continue faithfully in what He has already asked us to do.

Reflection Question: How can you deepen your prayer life while waiting for clarity about your purpose?

Purpose Requires Courage and Preparation

When the time is right, discovering purpose requires courage and planning. After months of prayer, Nehemiah boldly approached the king, risking his life. Because he had prepared, he was ready with a clear plan—he knew how long he would be gone and what resources he needed. God opened the door, and Nehemiah stepped through it. Pastor Bo reminds us that faith does not replace preparation; instead, God's power works alongside our willingness to plan and act. When God gives a vision, He expects us to steward it wisely. Courage is not the absence of fear, but the willingness to move forward in faith when God opens the opportunity.

Reflection Question: Where might God be asking you to take a courageous step forward in faith?

Purpose Is Discovered Through Participation

Purpose becomes real when we engage personally. Nehemiah didn't rely on secondhand reports—he went to Jerusalem and examined the broken walls himself. Pastor Bo highlights a powerful truth: "You cannot heal what you will not touch." Discovering purpose requires involvement. Whether it's in our family, church, or

community, we must move beyond observation and step into action. Sometimes we hesitate because the need feels overwhelming, but God calls us to be present and faithful where He has placed us. Purpose is not discovered from a distance—it is revealed through participation.

Reflection Question: What situation in your life requires you to move from observation to action?

Purpose Endures with God's Provision

Finally, walking in your purpose will bring opposition—but God will provide. When Nehemiah began rebuilding, critics immediately appeared. Instead of arguing or getting distracted, he stayed focused on the work God had given him. Pastor Bo encourages us not to “come down off the wall” to engage with negativity or doubt. Opposition is not a sign that we are off track; often it is confirmation that we are moving in the right direction. God's promises are secure, and no one can take away the purpose He has given. As we remain faithful, God supplies strength, provision, and help along the way.

Reflection Question: How can you stay focused on God's purpose for your life when facing discouragement or opposition?

Purpose: A Journey Worth Pursuing

Discovering your purpose is a journey that begins with a burden, is shaped through prayer, requires courage, and is fulfilled through action. You were created by God to do good works that He prepared in advance for you. No matter where you are today—waiting, searching, or stepping forward—God is at work. Trust His timing,

follow His leading, and remember: your “wall” is waiting, and through Him, you can rebuild what matters most.

i ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

ii ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.