

THERE IS A PURPOSE #3
“Stop Comparing Your Calling”
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- **The fastest way to kill something special is to compare it to something else.**

Stop Comparing Your Calling

- Sometimes God’s preparation comes packaged as pain.
 - Your purpose is not for you. Your purpose is for God.
 - You don’t find your purpose. You serve God’s purpose.
 - If you want to serve God’s purpose, start serving God’s people.
- 1. You are perfectly created by God to fulfill God’s purpose for you.**

Ephesians 2:10 *For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.* (NLT)

Comparison is the enemy of calling!

- 2. You can’t fulfill God’s purpose for you when you are comparing to someone else.**

John 20:2-4, 6, 8 *So she [Mary] came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”* ³ *So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb.* ⁴ *Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.* ...⁶ *Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb.* ...⁸ *Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside.*

John 21:20-22 *Peter turned around and saw behind them the disciple Jesus loved ... ²¹ Peter asked Jesus, “What about him, Lord?” ²² Jesus replied, “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? As for you, follow me.”* (NLT)

Hebrews 12:1-2 *And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.*

Talk-It-Over

- Read Ephesians 2:10. Be honest: Do you really think of yourself as a masterpiece? Why or why not?
- Do you know God’s purpose for your life? If so, how are you pursuing it? If not, how can you discover it?
- What insecurities do you need to lay down so you can run the race God has marked out for you?