

What's My Purpose?

You Were Created for a Mission

Global Mission

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV) “Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’”

1 Peter 3:15_b (NIV) “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.”

Psalms 40:2-3_a (NIV) “He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. ³He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.”

Psalms 96:3 (NIV) “Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.”

Personal Mission

1. It's OK to be discouraged.

Esther 4:1-3 (NIV) “When Mordecai learned of all that had been done, he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the city, wailing loudly and bitterly. ²But he went only as far as the king's gate, because no one clothed in sackcloth was allowed to enter it. ³In every province to which the edict and order of the king came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting, weeping and wailing. Many lay in sackcloth and ashes.”

Esther 4:7_a (NIV) “Mordecai told him everything that had happened”

Esther 4:8 (NIV) “He also gave him a copy of the text of the edict for their annihilation, which had been published in Susa, to show to Esther and explain it to her, and he told him to instruct her to go into the king's presence to beg for mercy and plead with him for her people.”

2. Do not give in to fear.

Esther 4:11 (NIV) “All the king's officials and the people of the royal provinces know that for any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being summoned the king has but one law: that they be put to death unless the king extends the gold scepter to them and spares their lives. But thirty days have passed since I was called to go to the king.”

Esther 4:13_b (NIV) “Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape.

Esther 4:14 (NIV) “If you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?”

3. Be prepared to sacrifice.

Esther 4:16 (NIV) “Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish.”

John 17:18 (NIV) “[Father] as you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.”

1 Peter 2:9 (NIV) “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.”