

WHY?

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Part 5 – Why Am I Here?

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THE TWO CHALLENGES OF LIFE

1) To FIND ourselves.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

– Romans 8:28

2) To LOSE ourselves.

Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me.” – Mark 8:34

HOW DO WE FIND OURSELVES?

✓ My GIFTS AND PASSIONS.

If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. **8** If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly. – Romans 12:7-8

✓ My LIFE EXPERIENCES.

✓ My PAIN.

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. **4** He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. – 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

HOW DO WE LOSE OURSELVES?

✓ Give our purpose to something BIGGER than us.

Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. **12** Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. – Ephesians 4:11-12

Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, **5** so it is with Christ’s body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. **6** In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. – Romans 12:4-6

✓ Live with an ETERNAL perspective.

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. – Ephesians 2:10

So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise. **16** Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. – Ephesians 5:15-16