

**Vision Sunday – What’s Next**  
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**Introduction**

2019 is our year to ‘Step into Destiny’. For that statement to have any weight or importance we have to really understand what ‘destiny’ means. A text book definition of destiny is: (1) something to which a person or thing is destined, (2) a predetermined course of events. The bible does not talk a lot about destiny, but it does talk about being “predestined”.

**Romans 8:29 [NIV]**

For those God foreknew he also **predestined** to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

**Ephesians 1:5 [NIV]**

he **predestined** us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will--

**Ephesians 1:11**

In him we were also chosen, having been **predestined** according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will,

These scriptures do not mean that God has predestined some for heaven and some for hell. We believe that God has destined everyone for heaven, but He has also given man a free will, and the choice is up to us. If we decide that we don't want Jesus and we just can't believe that God has given us a free will then we step outside of God's plan for our lives preventing us from moving into what He predestined us to become.

Another way to define ‘destiny’ is ‘*when calling meets opportunity*’. We are all called by God, our callings may vary and they are unique but we are all called.

The calling of God is not just about being a pastor or to hold a position. Sometimes God calls us to live Holy. He is calling us to forgive someone who hurt us. He is calling us to serve in a certain area of church.

Our calling does not have to be deep. Jesus is not going to send us a text message. Sometimes we just have a strong desire for a certain direction, there is an inner knowing, an inner witness- an inner peace. Many times that's the Holy Spirit calling us to something or leading us into our destiny.

All callings need opportunity, in 2019 it is our season to “make a difference” in a greater way by reaching more people and to change more lives than we did in 2018.

## **Points of focus**

1. **Next Generation - the devil is after the next generation.**
  - a. Create a culture in our homes where our kids hunger for more of God.
  - b. The church is another voice that will enforce what you are saying and doing.
  - c. We will have Pulse weekly and Pulse Summer camp and Pulse internship.
  
2. **Missions - we do missions locally, nationally and internationally.**
  - a. This year we have two mission trips planned. The first one is for college students and it is to Haiti. The second one is for everyone, we will be partnering with One Nation One Day and going to Peru.
  - b. But one of our main goals this year is how we do mission locally. In our own back yard. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month there will be a team of people meeting to do local missions.
  
3. **Expansion**
  - a. We feel that God is saying now is our time to expand, so we are looking at many different ways to step into that word.
  - b. Keep praying and serving, giving, and making disciples and God will open up the right door in his timing.

**If you feel called to change lives and make a difference serve, give, and make disciples.**

1. **Serve** – on the dream team.
2. **Giving** – some have large one time gifts to make, now is the time to do it. Some want to be steady weekly givers, please do so.
3. **Make disciples** – care for other people. Start being a friend to others. God will send us a harvest, if we are committed.

**We are all important for God's plan, we all have a part to play. It takes teamwork to make the dream work. Now is our time for a break out.**

### **Discussion Questions**

1. What do you feel God is calling for you?
2. How can you serve?
3. How do you show others you care?