



Series: Made on Purpose	Date: Feb. 26th 2017
Topic: Let's Change the World	Speaker: Pastor Dale Edwardson

WELCOME

Pastor Dale returns this week and continues his series “Made on Purpose.”

For the ice breaker this week, share your answers to the following question: What did you want to be when you grew up when were a kid?

WORSHIP

Start the worship time by encouraging people to share praises for what God has done in their life this past week. Sing worship songs from the Sunday services or select your own.

WORD

I. Spiritual Objective. At the end of the discussion, members will:

- A. Discuss how we can live our lives in a way that Glorifies God.
- B. Talk about the people we influence and whether we are influencing people to or away from God.

II. The Sermon Synopsis:

God has made each of us on purpose and with a purpose. God is working in each of us and shaping each of us for His purposes. One of those purposes is to change and impact the world. God saves us for more than just going to Heaven. He has a purpose for us and has created us with specific talents, skills, and personalities to influence others around us.

Every day we influence others around us whether we know it or not. As Christians we also influence others either towards God or away from God. When we act out of godly character we glorify God through our actions. As we step forward boldly in faith, and as God works in our lives, our lives impact the World. Small acts of faith are multiplied by God and have an impact beyond what we can often see.

The Text:

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

(2 Corinthians 5:17-20 NIV)

Discussion Questions

III. Christians are called to impact the world by the way we live. God has created each of us with a specific set of gifts that can impact others. *How does your life glorify God? Would others see God's love in how you behave? Why or why not?*

IV. Ephesians 2:8-10 talks about the fact that we were created in Jesus to do good works. We influence others with the way we live. *If your life reflects what God has done and what God can do for others, what areas of your life would you like to improve?*

V. God wants us to influence people for the rest of our lives. Every day we can influence people either towards or away from God by how we act. *Who are the people in your life that you influence? Your family? Your co-workers? Friends? What can you do to be intentional with them?*

VI. Pastor Dale shared two stories, one about his grandfather who started Hope Mission, who serves the poor and marginalized, and his father, who came and pastored Kapahulu Bible church. The way these two men lived and influenced others had a generational effect that still impacts how Pastor Dale and his sons live. *Is the way you are living impacting and inspiring others to live in a similar way? Why or why not?*



VII. The second story Pastor Dale shared was of David, a C&MA surgeon whose parents died as missionaries to Vietnam. David spent his life working in a hospital in Gabon, and at the age of 65, asked to reassigned to a hospital in North African. David is an example of how God can use any of us to impact the world if we serve Him in our strengths. *What are your strengths, talents, and skills? How are you using them for God? If you are not, what is preventing you from doing so?*

WORK

➤ **In addition to the above prayer requests, please also pray for our Building Expansion Project (BEP):**

- ❖ **Permits.** 1) Continue praying for our re-application to the Bldg. Dept. for the modification to our (CUP) Conditional Use Permit to be approved by accepting the tandem parking plan to meet their 143 parking stall requirement. 2) Also pray that they will accept the documents they requested for our grading permit application so the permit will be issued as soon as the CUP is issued. We want to begin the excavation & grading of our grounds sometime in March. 3) Finally, pray that we will be able to work with PVA to help them get ready to apply for our building construction permit.
- ❖ **Architect.** Continue praying that our architect will work with our contractor in a design-assist partnership and that they will finish enough of the drawings for the BEP committee to review soon.
- ❖ **Giving, Grants & Guaranteed Loan Commitment.** 1) Pray for the continued generous giving of our congregation toward the 3-year pledge and additional gifts as God provides. 2) Pray that God will grant us favor with the foundation that we are approaching for a grant on 3/20 through our grant writer. 3) Pray that we will receive the loan that we are seeking as God provides.

- ❖ **Evaluation Meeting.** Pray for our BEP Committee as we continue to meet with our contractor & architect to find ways to reduce our overall construction costs.

Announcements:

1. **Youth Alpha Series.** The Youth Alpha Series continues this Friday for the next 2 Friday Nights (3/3 - 3/10).
2. **Upcoming C&MA Missions Conf. Activities:**
 - a. **Missions Week Kick-off:** Wed, 3/1 at 6:00pm- Chili Dinner available for purchase. 7:00pm-Presentation by Mark & Kathy Eikost in the worship center.
 - b. **Brunch with Mark & Kathy:** Thur., 3/2 at 10:00am at iHop.
 - c. **Men's Breakfast:** Sat, 3/4 at 7:00am. Downstairs under the tents.
 - d. **Message by Mark:** Sun, 3/5 at 7:30 and 10:30 services.
 - e. **Prayer Time for Mark & Kathy:** Tue, 3/7 at 9:15am in the Prayer Room.
3. **Leadership Foundation Class – Part 2.** Sat, 3/4, 8:45 to 1:00pm. Training for all Ministry Leaders who haven't attended (or want to attend again) to provide us a unified foundation in character, knowledge, vision, values and lifestyle.
4. **River of Life Missions.** Wed, 3/8 at 5:45 to 8:00pm. Sign-up if you can volunteer to serve a meal and give encouragement. We're also accepting monetary donations—just write ROL on memo section of your check, or toiletry donations that you can bring next Sunday.
5. **Hawaii Area Great Commission Women's Spring Conf.** Sat, 3/11 at 8:00am at the Kailua Community Church. Come hear missionary Kathy Eikost share what God has been doing in Bosnia.
6. **Workday/Car Wash.** Sat, 3/11 at 9:00am. Come and help wash the cars of the seniors in our community and help maintain our church building and grounds. Includes a fellowship lunch afterward.
7. **Membership Class.** Sat, 3/11 at 9:00-11:30am. Discover what it means to be a member of Leeward Community Church. Open to anyone 16 years and above.
8. **Xairo.** Sun, 3/12 at 6:30pm. An evening of Word and worship where the church, young and old, can come together and lift up the name of Jesus. Aimed towards young adults and youth but all are welcome! Also, please see Andrew Arakawa if you're in joining a team to pray for Xairo.

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Let's Change the World!

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One Person at a Time

You were Made on Purpose and With Purpose

My #1 Purpose- Intimacy with God

My #2 Purpose- Reflecting His Love

One of the Keys to Successful Living in 2017

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you. Matthew 6:33

More to Life- He Saved Us to Change the World!

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matt. 5:16

This was God's Plan from the Beginning

Eph. 2:8-10 Eph. 5:15-18 Col. 4:5-6 II Cor. 5:17-20

Three things God wants to do in and through us

1) We need CLARITY in our lives

- Who we Really Are in Christ!
- How we Really Live for Christ.
- What our Purpose Is & Doing It!
- Clarity carries you through tough times

Genesis 37-45- Joseph's Journey to Influence & Impact

2) We INFLUENCE others the rest of our lives.

How does God use our Influence?

- People see our godly character and actions.
- They react to our lives and words.
- God reminds them of our examples.
- He convicts them and draws them to Himself.
- God uses our influence to touch lives for generations!

3) God will ultimately IMPACT the World, thru Us!

- Incredible things happen as we serve the Lord- Together
- Significant Impact of our Influence – Tomorrow!

We may never see the Amazing Impact of our lives on future Generations- until we get to heaven!

How then should we respond?

- We need to decide to step in to Clarity- Today!!!
- We need to use our Influence- Everyday until He comes!
- We need to shake off the chains that hold us back!
- Together, We can CHANGE THE WORLD!!!!!!

An Honest Look Inside: God, I acknowledge that I was made on purpose. I reaffirm that. I choose to help Change the World. Help me, Lord. Show me what I need to change first. Please give me Clarity. Help me to Influence people every day, wherever I go. Help us to Impact our world- for You! Thank you, Father.