

## WHY ME, WHY HERE?

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I am sure we have all felt this way before ... Lord, I need another job! Whether it be relationship breakdowns, remuneration challenges or just plain unhappiness, we have all at some time questioned our place of work and desired change.

But have you ever considered why you are there in the first place? Is it just to earn a salary? To provide for your family? Is it for opportunities to climb the corporate ladder? While none of these in themselves are wrong, it is our primary motive that must be evaluated. As believers we are called to give glory to God and to Him alone and, when we look at work through this kingdom perspective, we find a far greater purpose to our work and find the very answer to the question: why me and why here?

Some years ago, I found myself at a crossroad: a variable remuneration component was removed from my salary package and I found myself becoming increasingly discontent. I had reached the point where my happiness and circumstances were most important, and I decided to seek alternate employment. I had a few interviews that went well but for some reason doors kept closing. I kept wondering why – I had the skills to be a good fit for the roles, but none seemed to move past initial engagements.

Then, out of the blue, crisis struck. A work colleague started going through serious marital issues and was on the verge of divorce – he confided in me and it was then that I realised why all those doors had closed ... God had kept me there to be able to walk through this tough time with my colleague, share Jesus, His restoration heart, pray with him and lift up his family. Through the months of this close walking, sharing, praying and trusting, the Lord performed a miracle and restored that which seemed completely gone and to this day that relationship and family is strong because of a miraculous intervention.

I realised through this ordeal that the very reason I am in any place (work or not) is to represent Jesus and share who He is with those around me. That is the “why”. For God so loved our workplace that he sent me to share His good news!!

Be encouraged, take your eyes off your circumstances and place them on the King and you will see change, maybe not circumstantial but definitely relating to purpose, and with purpose comes contentment.

Colossians 3: 24 -25 says:

*Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.*

Be encouraged. Be blessed.