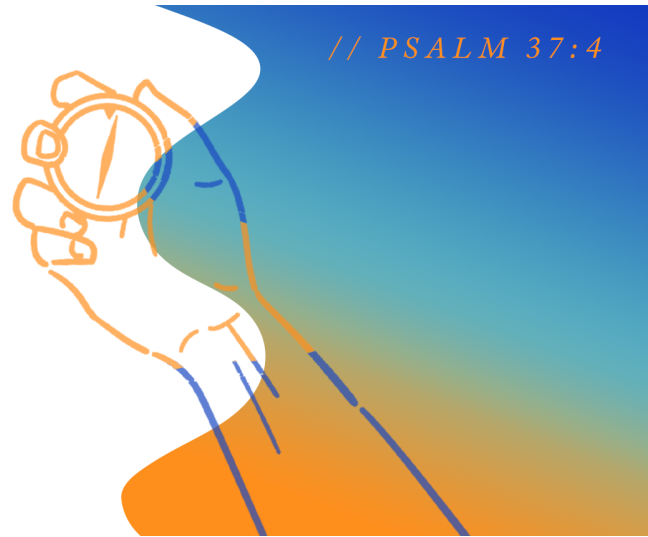


• FINDING YOUR PURPOSE •  
• PURSUING YOUR PASSION •



## DISCOVER YOUR **PURPOSE** // PURSUE YOUR **PASSION**

### SCRIPTURE:

Take delight in the LORD,  
and he will give you your heart's desires. **Psalm 37:4 NLT**

### INTRODUCTION:

What IS the purpose of life? What is the purpose of YOUR life? Have you ever wondered if the question of the purpose of life crossed Adam and Eve's minds? What were they thinking the day they ate the "forbidden fruit?" The serpent told Eve that she would be "like God" and she "desired the wisdom it would give her" (Genesis 3). Adam and Eve were tempted into believing that they could determine their purpose independent of God. The temptation and tendency continue today - even in the lives of believers! Rick Warren in the opening chapter of his book *The Purpose Driven Life* writes, "If you want to know why you were placed on this planet, you must begin with God. You were born by his purpose and for his purpose." Discovering God's purpose for your life is the key to pursuing your TRUE passion!

### BODY OF SERMON:

THE CHIEF END OF HUMANITY IS TO GLORIFY GOD AND ENJOY HIM FOREVER

**I was put on this earth to GLORIFY God.**

For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! Amen. **Romans 11:36 NLT**

So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. **1 Cor. 10:31 NLT**

### **I glorify God as I DELIGHT in Him.**

Take delight in the LORD,  
and he will give you your heart's desires. **Psalms 37:4 NLT**

Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! **Phil. 4:4 NLT**

1. I DELIGHT in God as I find JOY in His Salvation. **(Eph. 1:3-14)**

yet I will rejoice in the LORD!

I will be joyful in the God of my salvation! **Habakkuk 3:18 NLT**

2. I DELIGHT in God as I find JOY in the Community of Believers.

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, **47** praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

**Acts 2:46&47 NLT**

3. I DELIGHT in God as I find JOY in Trials.

We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. **4** And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. **5** And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love. **Romans 5:3-5 NLT**

## CONCLUSION:

### **Delighting in God, The Life I Live IS an Act of Worship As I Pursue My TRUE Passions**

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. **Romans 12:1&2 NLT**

### **Discussion and Application Questions**

- How would you describe the purpose of your life in 3 sentences or less?
- What are some ways we can delight in God?
- Read Ephesians 1:3-14 and make note of the phrases Paul uses to describe our salvation. Which description or phrase is most meaningful to you? Why?
- As believers why can we "rejoice" when we run into trials and problems? How have you found joy in trials?
- How can you Glorify God as you pursue your passions in life?