

Life on Purpose
Session 4 – “What’s warring against your purpose?”

I. Review

A. Previous Sessions

1. Wired for purpose

- a. When God created us, he created us for purpose
- b. Purpose is the reasons we exist and the reason we do what we do.
- c. God designed us for an aimed life – not an aimless one.
- d. There are many studies that prove health benefits for those who live life on purpose

2. How to discover purpose throughout your life

3. The important role of fulfillment.
Everyone needs fulfillment.

II. What’s warring against your purpose?

A. God’s purpose for our life doesn’t just happen

- 1. We have to cooperate
- 2. We have to prepare

3. We have to take advantage of the opportunities set before us.

B. There is warfare against our purpose

If you really want it – you gotta fight for it!

1. It is important to identify the things that are warring against your purpose.

- a. What's standing in your way?
- b. What's holding you back?
- c. Often there is an inward conflict working against our purpose

2. Many people of great purpose had to overcome forces that were warring against their future.

C. Examples of warfare in scripture

1. Moses

a. Inferiority was at work to keep Moses from his purpose.

b. Ex 3:9-11 NKJV

⁹Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”

¹¹But Moses said to God, “Who *am* I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt.”

c. GNT

But Moses said to God, "I am nobody. How can I go to the king and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

d. **Ex 4:1 KJV**

And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee.

e. **Ex 4:10 NLT**

But Moses pleaded with the LORD, "O Lord, I'm not very good with words. I never have been, and I'm not now, even though you have spoken to me. I get tongue-tied, and my words get tangled."

¹¹ Then the LORD asked Moses, "Who makes a person's mouth? Who decides whether people speak or do not speak, hear or do not hear, see or do not see? Is it not I, the LORD?" ¹² Now go! I will be with you as you speak, and I will instruct you in what to say.

¹³ But Moses again pleaded, "Lord, please! Send anyone else."

f. **Moses excuses were proceeding from warfare that was occurring against His purpose**

g. **If Moses had not overcome the warfare –**

- *We would not read of Moses and the red sea crossing*
- *We could not read of Moses brining water from the rock*
- *We would not read of the great miracles by his hands*

h. **Acts 7:20-22 NLT**

²⁰ "At that time Moses was born—a beautiful child in God's eyes. His parents cared for him at home for three months. ²¹ When they had to abandon him, Pharaoh's daughter adopted him and raised him as her own son. ²² Moses

was taught all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was powerful in both speech and action.

NOTE: Moses did not have a speech problem.

Moses had a self image problem

After 40 years on the back side of the desert- *back side thinking took over*

D. The Keys to overcoming the warfare against your purpose

- 1. Build a strong self image based on who God says you are**
- 2. Make the words of God over your life louder and stronger than the words of self doubt and fear. – including the words of others**
- 3. Stretch yourself based on what God says about you vs personal feelings of inadequacy.**
You are more able than you realize
You are more qualified than you think
- 4. Get out of the back side of the desert – mentality**