

I. Review

A. Previous Sessions

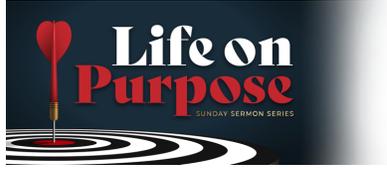
- 1. Wired for purpose**
- 2. How to discover purpose throughout your life**
- 3. The important role of fulfillment.**
Everyone needs fulfillment.
- 4. What's warring against your purpose**
Moses dealt with extreme inferiority
- 5. Distractions**
- 6. The necessary sacrifice**

II. Find Your Mentors

A. Mentor defined

- 1. An experienced and trusted adviser**
- 2. A person who can support, guide, and advise you.**
- 3. Mentoring is the act or process of helping guide others to support their personal development.**

- B. Mentoring is and extremely important step in the process of embracing your purpose.**



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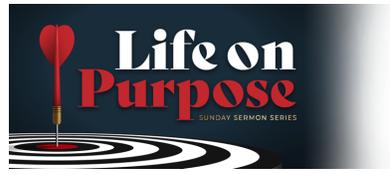
- 1. Mentors will listen to you regarding your vision and dreams relating to your purpose**
 - a. Real mentors are not attempting to clone you into themselves. They listen to your dreams and visions and add their strength to your goals.

- 2. Mentors can often help you avoid unnecessary failures because they have already been through the ranks.**
 - a. How many failures could have been avoided if only we had listened to the right counsel?

- 3. Mentors can guide you in the right steps to accomplish your goals**
 - a. Much is learned through trial and error.
 - b. I can learn from others mistakes, so I don't have to experience the same failures.

- 4. Mentors encourage you when you feel like quitting**
 - a. Everyone experiences days when you don't feel like moving forward.
 - b. Mentors offer the encouragement to keep us in the race.

- 5. Mentors bring correction when you are about to veer off course**
 - a. Correction is a positive thing.
 - b. Correction is a necessary ingredient for success



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- c. The person who can never receive correction is destined for failure.

C. Is mentoring a biblical model? YES

D. Examples of Biblical Mentoring

1. Moses and Jethro

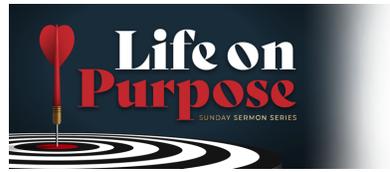
a. Ex 18:13-26 NKJV

¹³The next day, Moses took his seat to hear the people's disputes against each other. They waited before him from morning till evening.

¹⁴When Moses' father-in-law saw all that Moses was doing for the people, he asked, "What are you really accomplishing here? Why are you trying to do all this alone while everyone stands around you from morning till evening?"

¹⁵Moses replied, "Because the people come to me to get a ruling from God. ¹⁶When a dispute arises, they come to me, and I am the one who settles the case between the quarreling parties. I inform the people of God's decrees and give them his instructions."

¹⁷"This is not good!" Moses' father-in-law exclaimed. ¹⁸"You're going to wear yourself out—and the people, too. This job is too heavy a burden for you to handle all by yourself. ¹⁹Now listen to me, and let me give you a word of advice, and may God be with you. You should continue to be the people's representative before God, bringing their disputes to him. ²⁰Teach them God's decrees, and give them his instructions. Show them how to conduct their lives. ²¹But select from all the people some capable, honest men who fear



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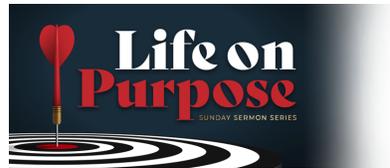
God and hate bribes. Appoint them as leaders over groups of one thousand, one hundred, fifty, and ten. ²²They should always be available to solve the people's common disputes, but have them bring the major cases to you. Let the leaders decide the smaller matters themselves. They will help you carry the load, making the task easier for you. ²³If you follow this advice, and if God commands you to do so, then you will be able to endure the pressures, and all these people will go home in peace."

²⁴Moses listened to his father-in-law's advice and followed his suggestions. ²⁵He chose capable men from all over Israel and appointed them as leaders over the people. He put them in charge of groups of one thousand, one hundred, fifty, and ten. ²⁶These men were always available to solve the people's common disputes. They brought the major cases to Moses, but they took care of the smaller matters themselves.

- a. As great of a leader as Moses was, there was someone who had important advice to give.
- b. As great of a leader as He was, he listened and submitted to the advice of his father-in-law - *Someone older and wiser* .
- c. While age doesn't always qualify people to mentor and pour into your life. Often it does.

Prov 23:22 NKJV

Listen to your father who begot you,
And do not despise your mother when she is old



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1 Peter 5:5 NKJV

⁵Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to *your* elders. Yes, all of *you* be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

- **Pride says, I know more than you know.**
- **Pride says, I don't need anyone to advise me**
- **Pride goeth before a fall!**

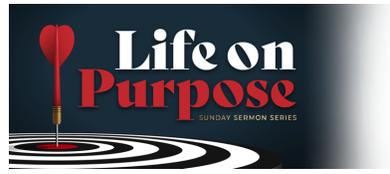
2. Elijah mentored Elisha

- a. It is said that Elisha did twice as many miracles as Elijah did.
- b. We know that Elisha received a double portion of the anointing that was upon Elijah.
- c. The key to the double portion – being a good mentee.

d. Mentee

- i. Good mentees are engaged with their mentor and show interest.** *Are you really interested in what your mentor is saying or are you only interested in being close to him so you may benefit from his reputation?*
- ii. Good mentees practice taking advice and applying it** *Proven mentors watch to see if their mentees are actually applying any of the advice they have given.*

When mentors see that a mentee is not following counsel – the counsel ends.



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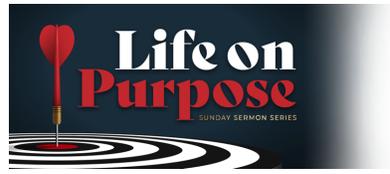
- iii. **Good mentees are respectful of their mentor's time and commitment to them. *Value it!***
- e. There is no better example of a mentee valuing their relationship with their mentor than that of Elisha toward Elijah.

Things to Note regarding this mentor/mentee relationship

- **Elijah simply walked by Elisha and threw his mantle on him.**
- **Elisha had a defining moment and knew that he was connected to Elijah**
- **He knew that his future was connected to Elijah**
- **He knew that he was to follow Elijah**
- **There will be times in your life that God will connect you to a mentor/teacher/instructor/leader**
- **Elisha ESTEEMED and HONORED the mentor/mentee relationship.**

2 Kings 3:11 NKJV

But Jehoshaphat said, *"Is there* no prophet of the LORD here, that we may inquire of the LORD by him?" So one of the servants of the king of Israel answered and said, "Elisha the son of Shaphat *is* here, who poured water on the hands of Elijah



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i. Notice – Elisha has a reputation – He poured water on the hands of Elijah

- *He was the one student closest to Elijah*
- *He was his personal assistant*
- *When Elijah called upon someone to assist – Elisha was first.*
- *He served – he encouraged – he lightened the load – he was there with and for him.*

**ii. Elisha was determined to stay close!
*Three times Elijah gave Elisha permission to leave his side. Elisha refused –***

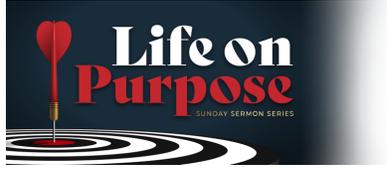
2 kings 2:9-10 NKJV

⁹ And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?”

Elisha said, “Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.”

¹⁰ So he said, “You have asked a hard thing. *Nevertheless*, if you see me *when I am* taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so.

What you have asked isn't easy – but if you stay close, stay by my side, watch, listen, follow – you can have it.



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- Those who stay close to their mentors will catch things that others will not catch
- You **will hear** what others will not hear
- You **will see** what others do not see
- You **will be prepared on a different level** than others who were not willing to sacrifice to stay close.
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NOTE: Practical Application

- When God connects you to a PERSON or a PLACE of mentoring –

ESTEEM IT

VALUE IT

HONOR IT

DO NOT BE QUICKLY REMOVED FROM THEM/IT.

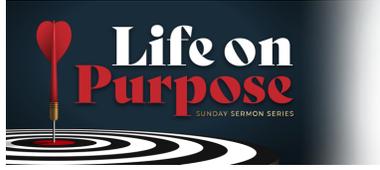
It is amazing to see people whom the Lord has assigned to a person/place of mentoring only to be easily removed from it.

SPIRITUAL APPLICATION

If God assigned you to follow a person's teaching/example- mentoring – wouldn't it be accurate to say that SATAN is probably going to do everything in his power to pull you away from that person or that place of mentoring?

CHURCH IS A PLACE OF MENTORING

How many people have been sent to a church by the Lord for mentoring/discipleship – only to be easily



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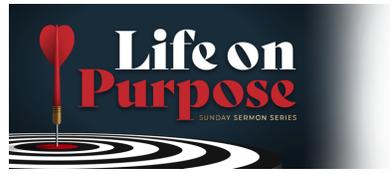
moved away by some most ridiculous reasons.

- *Pulled away by family*
- *Pulled away because of offense*
- *Pulled away because of style*

E. Choosing the Right Voices to speak over your life

It amazes me at WHO people allow to speak over their life in a mentoring way.

- 1. Someone who has been married five times and now isn't married, you allow them to tell you how to have a successful marriage.**
- 2. Someone who lives in a shack and lives in poverty – you allow them to tell you how to be successful financially.**
- 3. Someone who has never succeeded in business – you allow them to tell you how to start a successful business.**
- 4. Mentoring is following those who have been their – those who have a proven track record – those who have already succeeded.
*Often they are older/more mature – they have already experienced life on a level you have not.***
- 5. Be careful when allowing peers to mentor you.**
- 6. PEERS - Someone at your own level = Latin = equal
*Equal cannot elevate you.***
- 7. The Bible declares that an Elder is worthy of double honor
It also warns of rebuking an elder
ELDER = a person of greater age
A person who has been through more than you have**



A person who because of age and personal experience knows more.

- 8. Elders can help you avoid the pitfalls of life.**
- 9. Elders can direct you through instruction because they have already been where you are.**

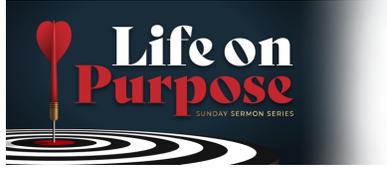
10. The Example of REHOBOAM

- a. Rehoboam was the son of Solomon
- b. He succeeded his father and became King.
- c. At his coronation, he was going to tell the people how he would lead – what he expected.
- d. **1 Kings 12:6-11 NLT**
⁶Then King Rehoboam discussed the matter with the older men who had counseled his father, Solomon. “What is your advice?” he asked. “How should I answer these people?”

⁷The older counselors replied, “If you are willing to be a servant to these people today and give them a favorable answer, they will always be your loyal subjects.”

⁸But Rehoboam rejected the advice of the older men and instead asked the opinion of the young men who had grown up with him and were now his advisers. ⁹“What is your advice?” he asked them. “How should I answer these people who want me to lighten the burdens imposed by my father?”

¹⁰The young men replied, “This is what you should tell those complainers who want a lighter burden: ‘My little finger is thicker than my father’s waist!’ ¹¹Yes, my father laid heavy



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burdens on you, but I'm going to make them even heavier! My father beat you with whips, but I will beat you with scorpions!

- e. Rehoboam rejected the voice of wise – seasoned leaders
And choose to follow the voice of unseasoned leaders who
knew nothing about leadership
- f. The people rebelled – and his kingdom experienced war all the
days of his reign - in addition – HE NEVER ACCOMPLISHED
ANYTHING OF VALUE.
- g. He followed the wrong voices
- h. Be wise – who you allow to speak over your life.