

**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**
- 7. Finding your mentors**

**II. Choosing the Right Voices to speak over your life**

- A. 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 there – 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.
- B. Following the wrong voices will cost you.**
1. Rehoboam the son of Solomon
    - a. He succeeded his father and became King.

- b. At his coronation, he was going to tell the people how he would lead – what he expected.
- c. **1 Kings 12:6-11 NLT**
  - <sup>6</sup>Then 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?”
  - <sup>7</sup>The 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.”
  - <sup>8</sup>But 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.
  - <sup>9</sup>“What is your advice?” he asked them. “How should I answer these people who want me to lighten the burdens imposed by my father?”
  - <sup>10</sup>The 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! <sup>11</sup>Yes, my father laid heavy 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!
- d. Rehoboam rejected the voice of wise – seasoned leaders  
And chose to follow the voice of unseasoned leaders who knew nothing about leadership.
- e. The people rebelled and his kingdom experienced war all of his days.
- f. He never accomplished anything of value – his legacy was marked with nothing good.



2. Wrong Voices promote the wrong things in your life.
  - a. Fear

**Neh 4:11-14 NLT**

<sup>11</sup> Meanwhile, our enemies were saying, “Before they know what’s happening, we will swoop down on them and kill them and end their work.”

<sup>12</sup> The Jews who lived near the enemy came and told us again and again, “They will come from all directions and attack us!”<sup>[e]</sup> <sup>13</sup> So I placed armed guards behind the lowest parts of the wall in the exposed areas. I stationed the people to stand guard by families, armed with swords, spears, and bows.

<sup>14</sup> Then as I looked over the situation, I called together the nobles and the rest of the people and said to them, “Don’t be afraid of the enemy! Remember the Lord, who is great and glorious, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes!

**NOTE:** *Its one thing when the enemy speaks...*

*But now... Nehemiah is dealing with other voices - the voices of their own people who live to close to the enemy.*

*Instead of echoing faith – to encourage Nehemiah in his purpose - They are ECHOING the enemy -*

The AMP says they said 10 times, You must return to guard our little villages from all the places where they dwell they will be upon us.

- b. Wrong voices promote faithlessness



- c. Wrong voices promote confusion – strife
- d. Wrong voices promote depression -  
*The voice of Jezebel sent Elijah into depression*

### 3. Right Voices

- a. Will stir up faith
- b. Will drive out fear
- c. Will impart direction
- d. Will encourage
- e. Will always echo God’s Word

NOTE: Israel had a choice to listen to ten spies with an evil report – or the report of two men – Caleb and Joshua Although they were the minority – Caleb and Joshua were the right voices - voices that would have taken Israel forward into victory – into their purpose – WHY? Caleb and Joshua echoed God’s promises/Word The others echoed the voice of defeat/enemy. It was called an EVIL REPORT

### 4. When you find the right voice –

*Last session - Elisha honored the voice of Elisha -  
Those who stay close – see more- hear more – receive more*

- a. Esteem it
- b. Rally around it



c. Stay close to it

d. Honor it.

**Nehemiah 4:19:20 AMPC**

<sup>9</sup>And I said to the nobles and officials and the rest of the people, The work is great and scattered, and we are separated on the wall, one far from another.

<sup>20</sup>In whatever place you hear the sound of the trumpet, **rally to us there.** Our God will fight for us.

- Gather to us there
- GNT - Gather around me
- CEV - Come quickly and gather around me

NOTE: When you find your mentors – voices that God is using to speak into your life -

*Rally around them*

*Gather to them*

*Stay close to them*

*Don't allow anything to draw you away from them.*

WHEN YOU KNOW THAT GOD IS USING SOMEONE TO IMPART INTO YOUR LIFE

*Esteem it – respect – value and regard it. High regard*

*When they are imparting - show up*



## Life On Purpose: Session 8 | Choosing the Right Voices

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*Honor the HOUSE of impartation*

*Honor the VOICE of impartation*

e. Nehemiah -

*When the enemy is threatening us - stay close to me.*

*Nehemiah was the voice of direction –*

*Nehemiah was the voice of encouragement*

*Nehemiah was God's vessel of strength*

*Nehemiah was KEY –*

f. Other examples

Paul was the voice to keep the people safe when the ship went down.

Moses was the right voice for the Israel in the wilderness  
*Whenever they followed other voices – trouble came*

IF WE ONLY HAD LISTENED

IF WE HAD NOT LISTENED

I SHOULD HAVE LISTENED

I SHOULDN'T HAVE LISTENED

PERSONAL - *The voice that came the week prior to me being installed as Grace Fellowship's Pastor*

- I didn't follow the voice, but others did.
- Failure to discern the right voice