

THE PEOPLE JESUS CALLS

LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR



specific needs of
those around me

how God has wired me

Calling

Purpose

*I was made
for this*

Vocation

Destiny

For we are God's handiwork (workmanship), created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2.10 NIV

Mark 12

²⁸ One of the teachers of religious law was standing there listening to the debate. He realized that Jesus had answered well, so he asked, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

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³¹ The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."

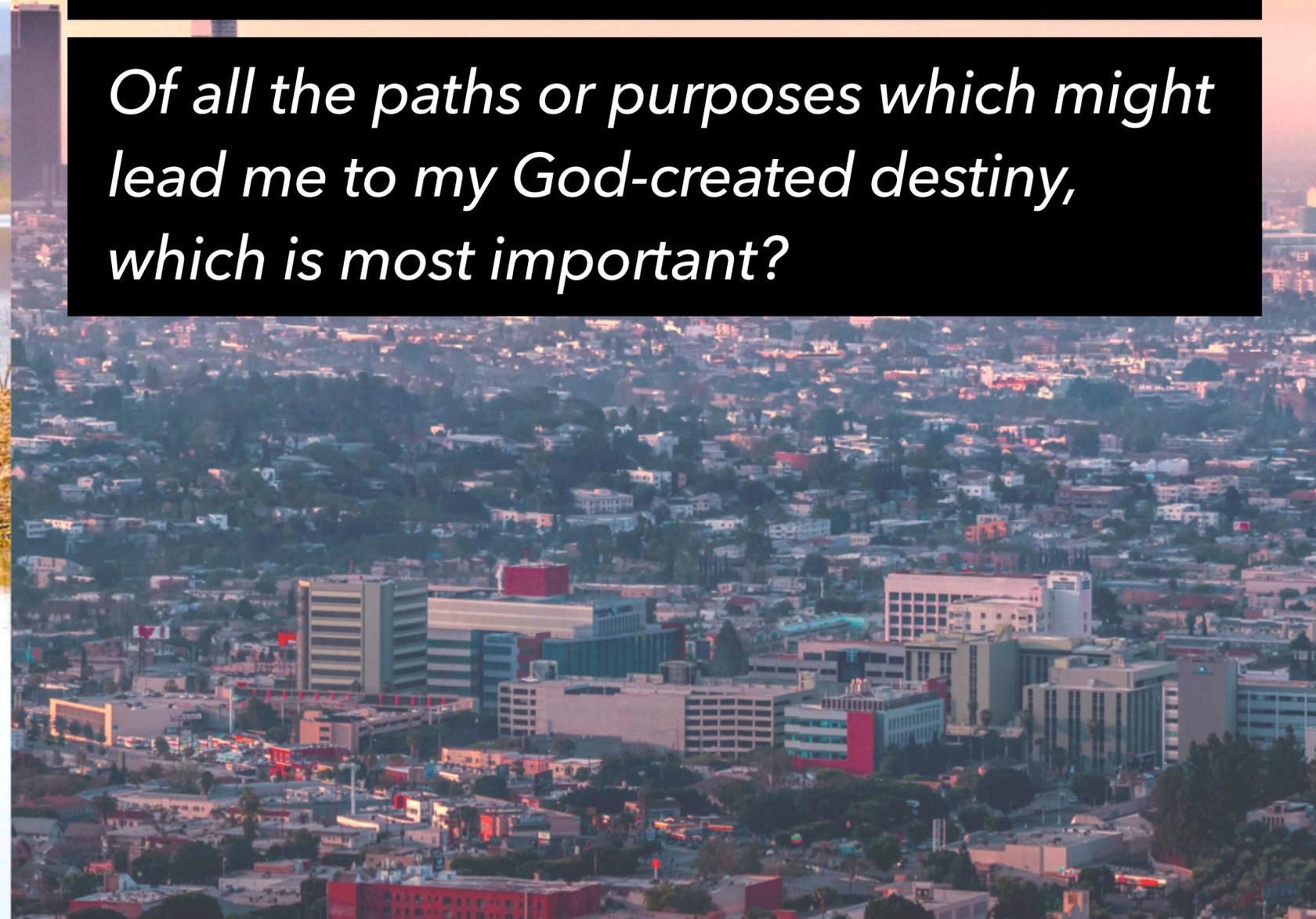
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"Commandment" is the Greek word **entole**:
en = towards
telos = the goal, purpose or destiny

Of all the paths or purposes which might lead me to my God-created destiny, which is most important?



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Agape love is the faithful, never-ending sacrificial love which Jesus showed us on the cross while we were still sinners

Love is a commitment towards sustained action of love for others driven by deep conviction

We learn love by loving others

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Primacy of
Schedule

Primacy of
Worldview +
Affections

Primacy in
my Value
System

Primacy in
my Lifestyle

facetime

ministry

lifegroup

Sunday
worship

Lord, may what's prime in you become prime in me

Mark 12

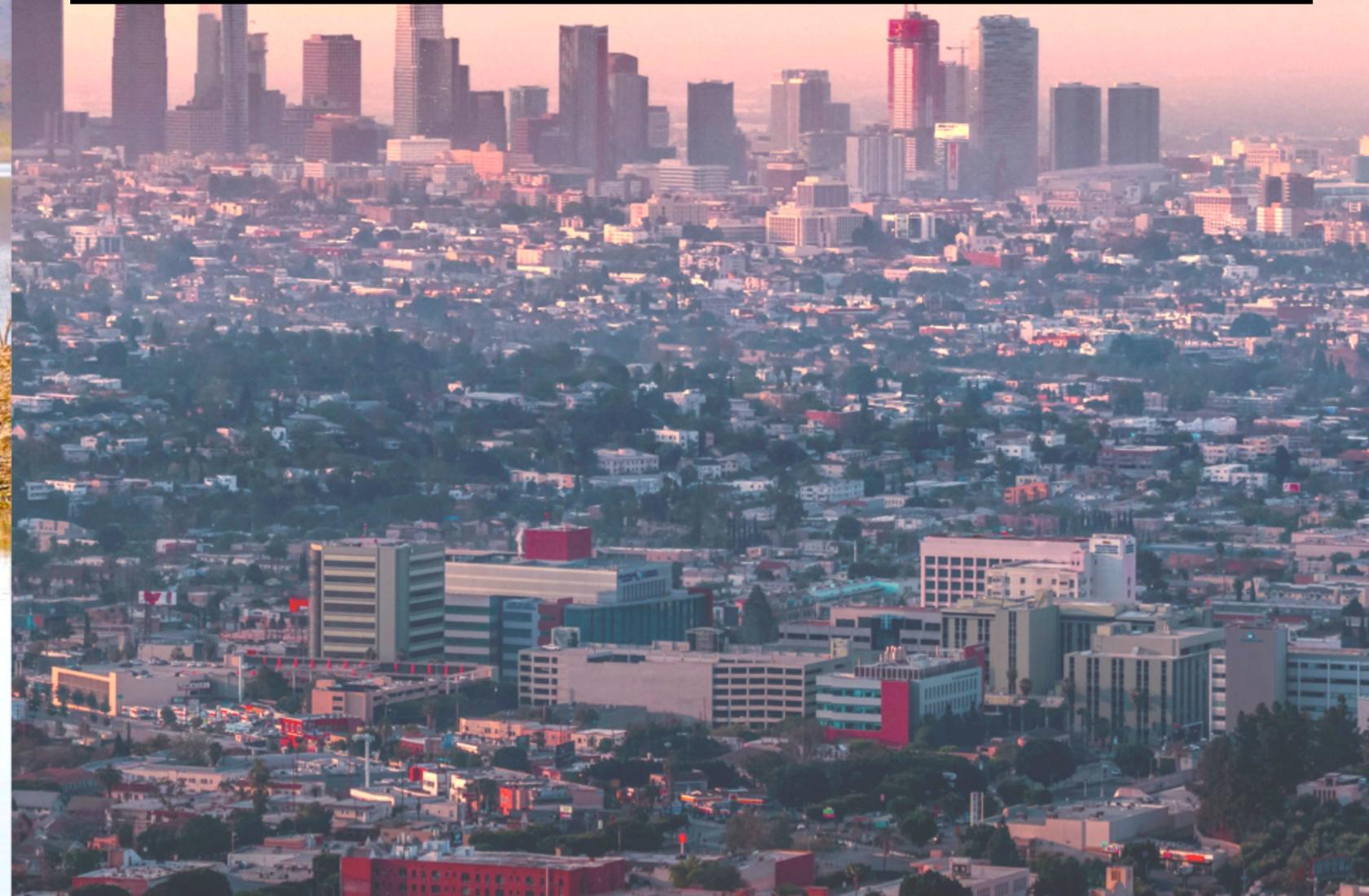
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Loving God and loving neighbor are two sides of the same coin

Loving our neighbor must be prime in us



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OK ... I get it Pastor John

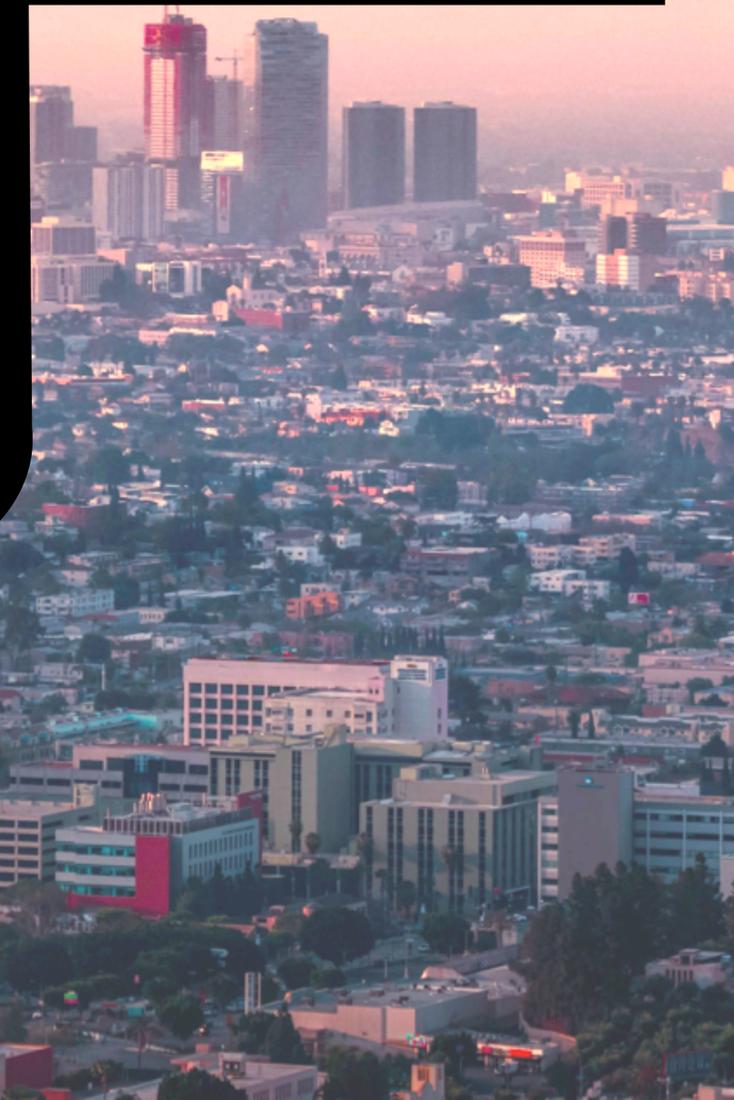
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What is a Neighbor?



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needs

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FRIENDS

GEO
NEIGHBOR

OIKOS

RELATIVE

SCHOOL

HOBBY

WORK

Who is my Neighbor?

My neighbor is the disabled

Special Olympics

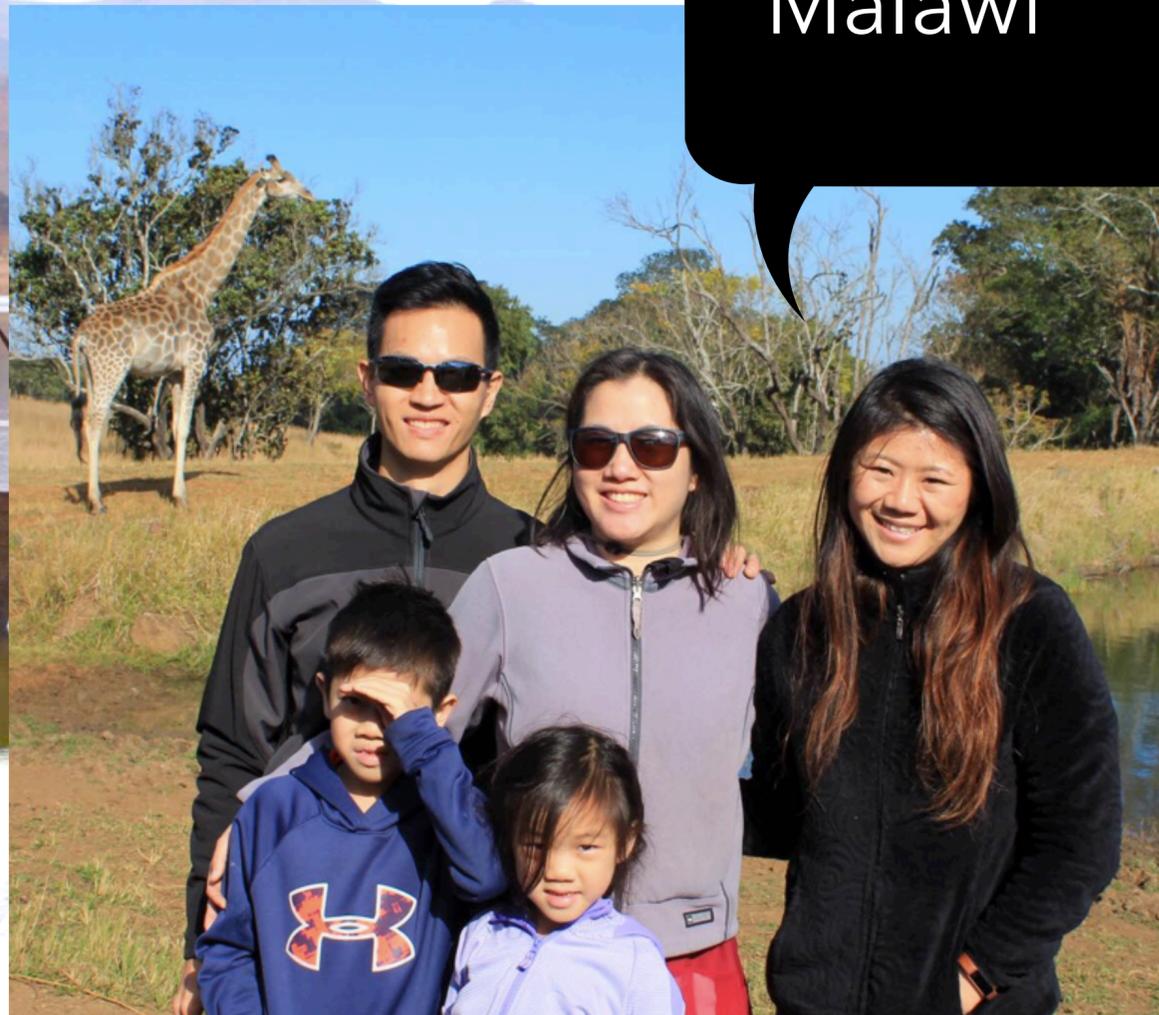


Eunice Kennedy Shriver



Who is my Neighbor?

My neighbor is the Yawo in Malawi



The Chans and Angela in Malawi



Who are Our Neighbors?





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