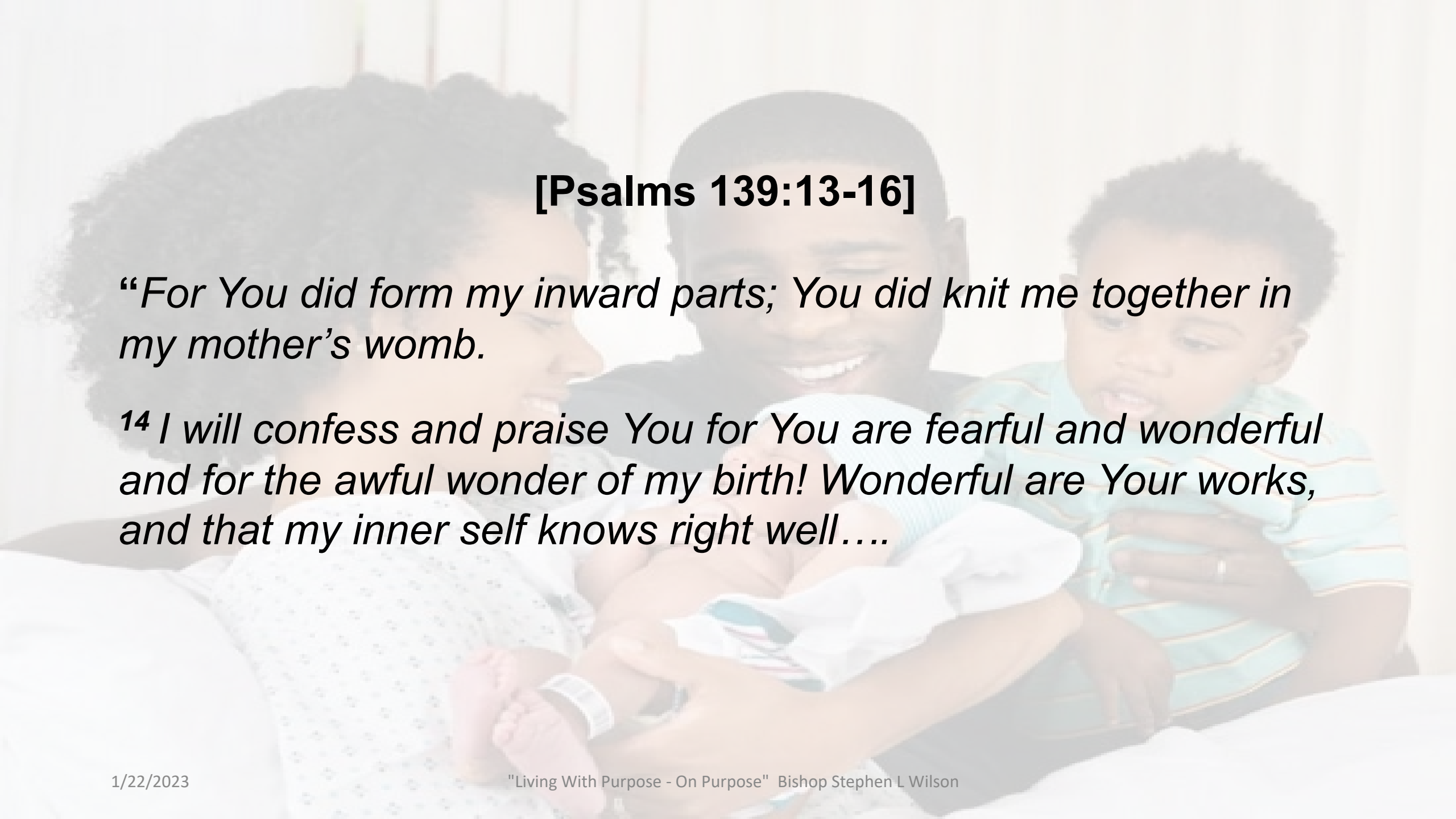




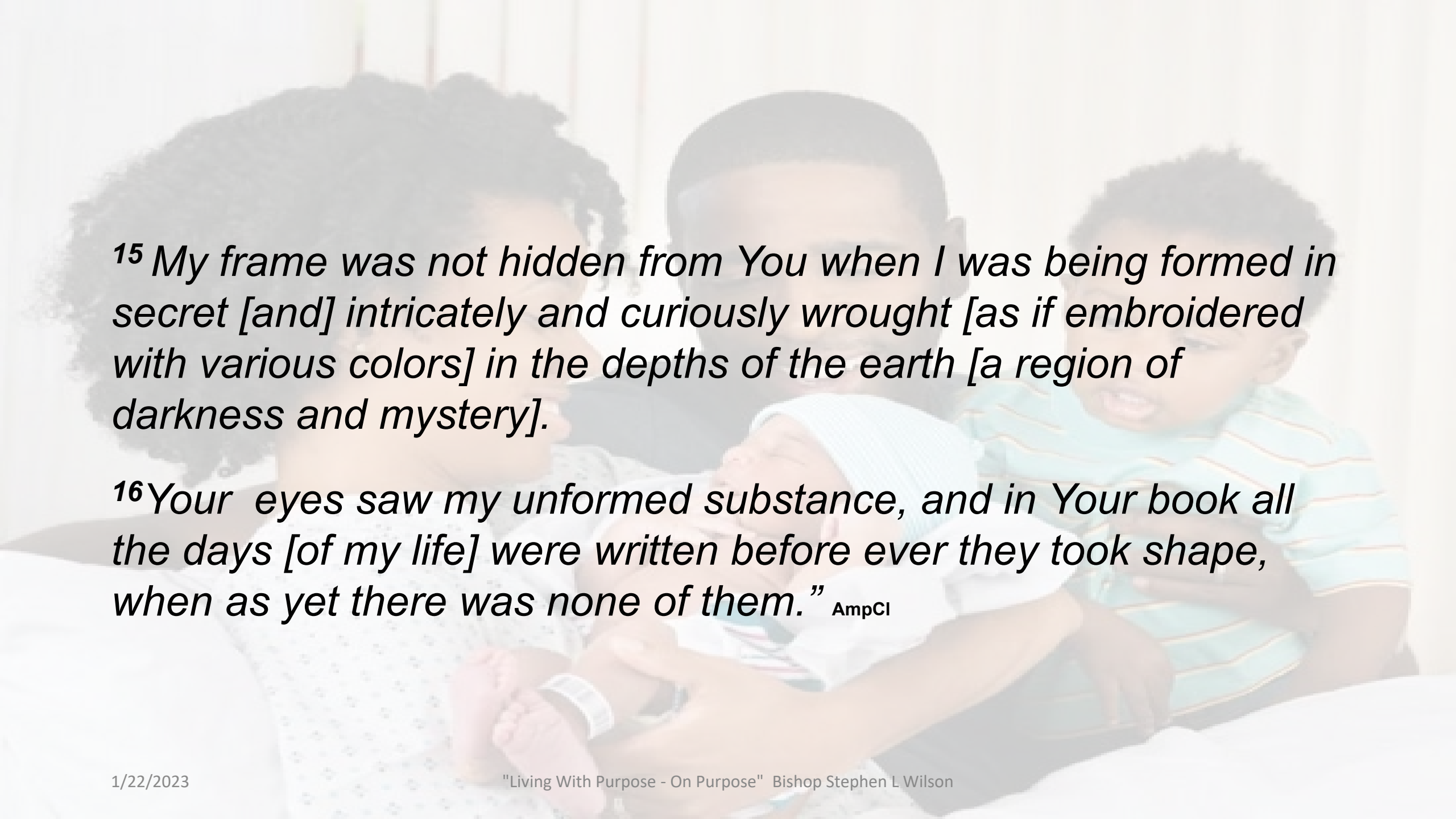
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[Psalms 139:13-16]

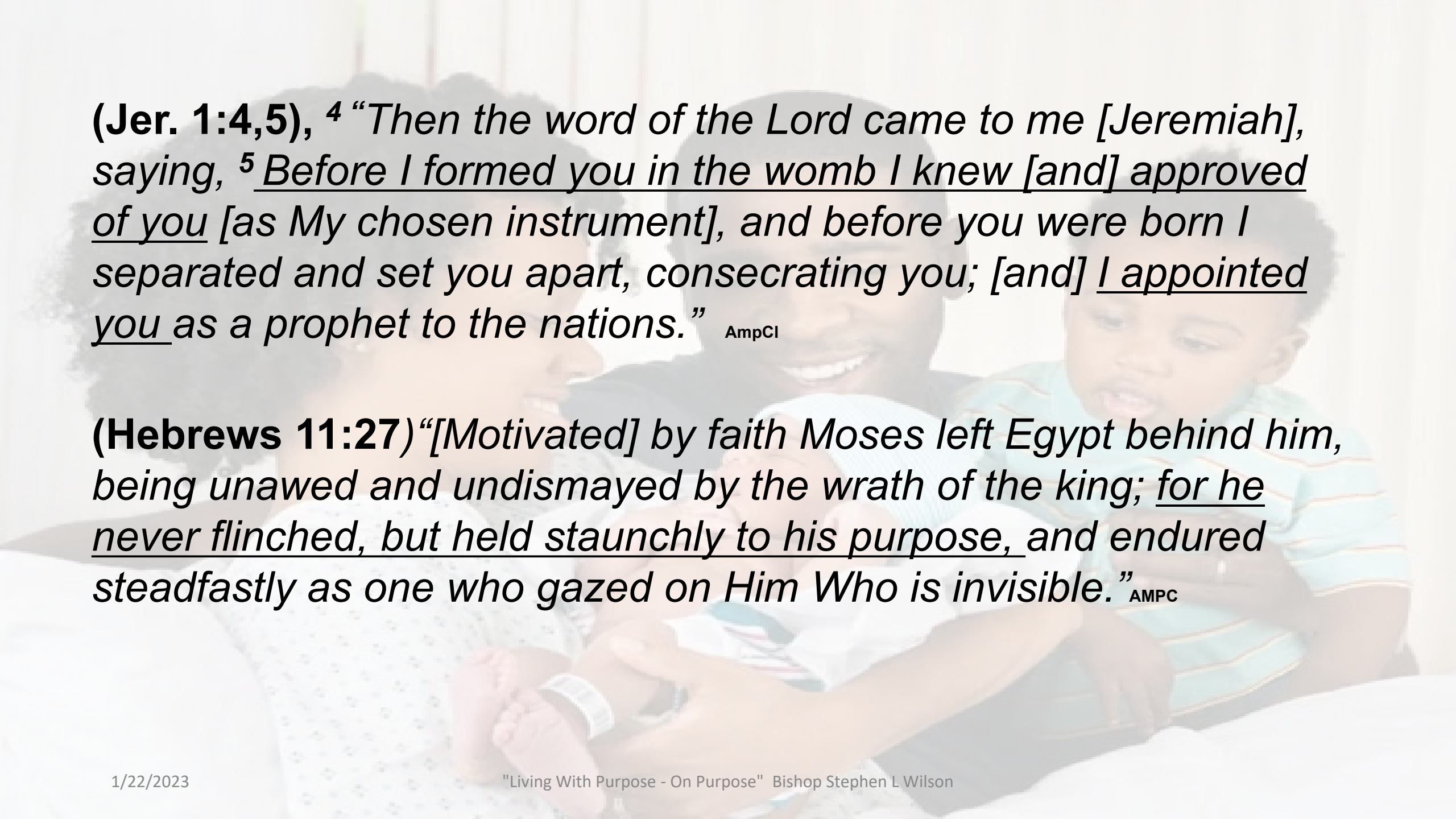
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A photograph of a family of four in a hospital setting. A woman with curly hair is on the left, a man is in the center, and a young boy is on the right. They are all looking at a newborn baby who is lying in a hospital bed. The baby is wrapped in a white blanket and has a white identification band on its wrist. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

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1⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed substance, and in Your book all the days [of my life] were written before ever they took shape, when as yet there was none of them.” AmpCI

A woman with dark hair is smiling warmly while holding a young child in her arms. Another child is sitting next to her, looking down. The background is a soft, out-of-focus indoor setting.

(Jer. 1:4,5), ⁴ “Then the word of the Lord came to me [Jeremiah], saying, ⁵ Before I formed you in the womb I knew [and] approved of you [as My chosen instrument], and before you were born I separated and set you apart, consecrating you; [and] I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” AmpCI

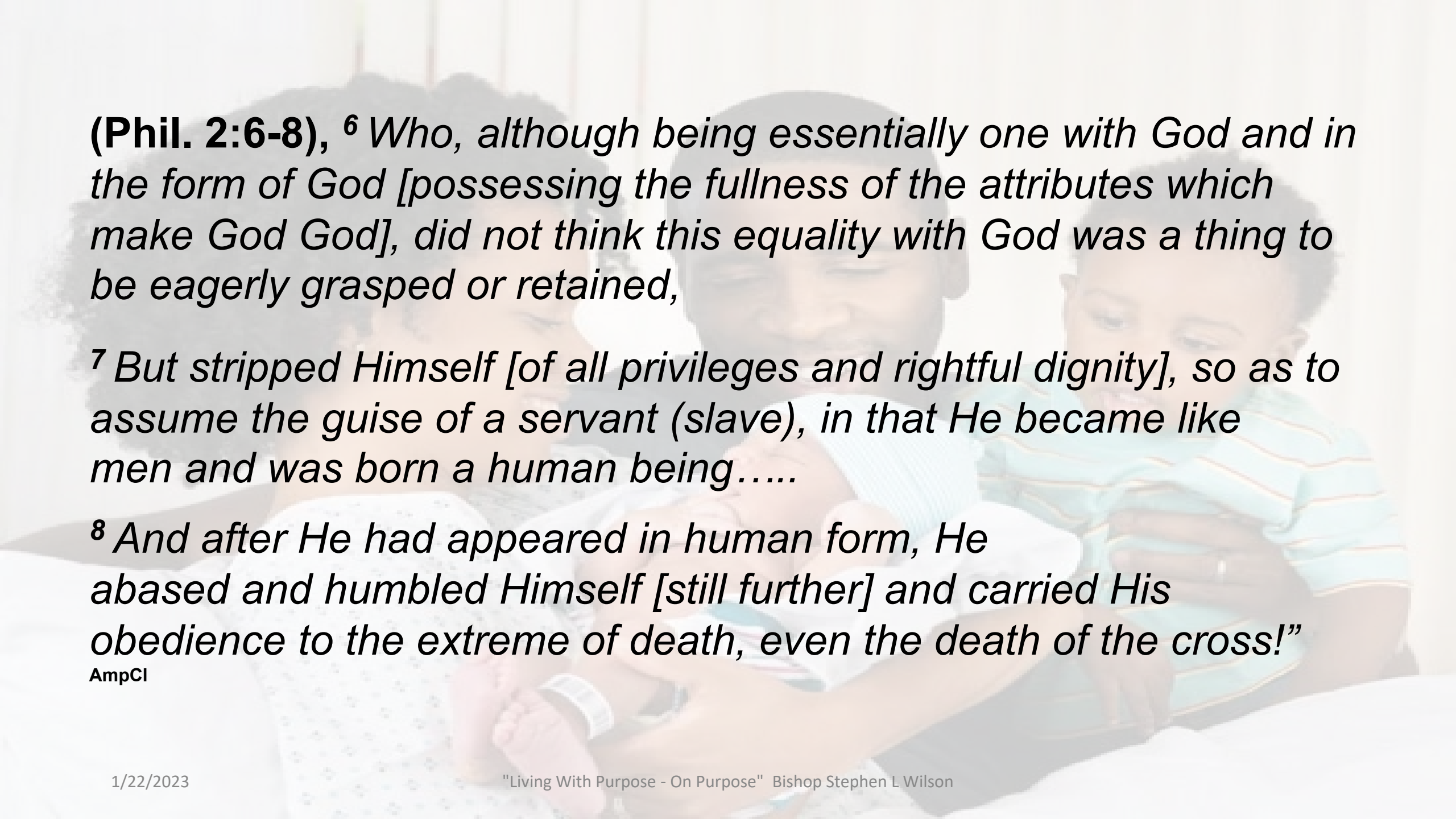
(Hebrews 11:27) “[Motivated] by faith Moses left Egypt behind him, being unawed and undismayed by the wrath of the king; for he never flinched, but held staunchly to his purpose, and endured steadfastly as one who gazed on Him Who is invisible.” AMPC

A photograph of a family of four smiling and holding a newborn baby. The father is in the center, holding the baby. The mother is on the left, and a young child is on the right. They are all looking at the baby with joy.

“Purpose” as a noun or verb - Involves a PROCESS –

- **i.e., ministry, marriage, parenting, investments -**
- **sometimes challenging, sometimes painful, and can be disturbing as well...**

As it was with Christ, “*Living With Purpose-On Purpose,*” always involves certain requirements/disciplines to reach the place of fulfillment.



(Phil. 2:6-8), ⁶ *Who, although being essentially one with God and in the form of God [possessing the fullness of the attributes which make God God], did not think this equality with God was a thing to be eagerly grasped or retained,*

⁷ *But stripped Himself [of all privileges and rightful dignity], so as to assume the guise of a servant (slave), in that He became like men and was born a human being.....*

⁸ *And after He had appeared in human form, He abased and humbled Himself [still further] and carried His obedience to the extreme of death, even the death of the cross!”*

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TO ACT “INTENTIONALLY”:

- You will display an attitude of purposefulness, with a commitment to deliberate action:

(Is. 6:8-9a), ⁸ “Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send? And who will go for Us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. ⁹And He said, Go and tell this people . . .” AmpCI

I. What Does it Mean to Live Intentionally as Christian?

- *It means to purposefully pursue the life God has called you to live.*
- *It is the quality of mental states (e.g., thoughts, beliefs, desires, hopes) that consists in their being directed toward some object or state of affairs.*
- *Intentionality requires deliberate action –*



God Was/Is “Intentional”

[Gen. 1:1-3] *“IN THE beginning God (prepared, formed, fashioned, and) created the heavens and the earth.*

The earth was without form and an empty waste, and darkness was upon the face of the very great deep. The Spirit of God was moving (hovering, brooding) over the face of the waters.

And God said, Let there be light; and there was light.” AMPC



We weren't a random thought..... Long before we were even a thought in our parents' minds, God knew us!

(Jer.1:5), Before I formed you in the womb I knew [and] approved of you [as My chosen instrument], and before you were born, I separated and set you apart, consecrating you; [and] I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.

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A satellite with large solar panels is shown in space, orbiting the Earth. The Earth's surface, including continents and oceans, is visible in the background.

II. “Living With Purpose – On Purpose,” –

Requires A Spiritual GPS

GOD’S PURPOSEFUL SPIRIT

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II. “Living With Purpose – On Purpose”

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- A. Intentional Living is a lot like a GPS system found in our cars and phones.....
- [***GOD’S PURPOSEFUL SPIRIT***]: Instructs us – Guides us into the “Truths” of God’s Word(The Bible) for “*Living With Purpose – On Purpose.*”
 - (**Ephesians 5:10**), “*Figure out what will please Christ, and then do it.*” (The Message)

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II. “Living With Purpose – On Purpose”

[GOD’S PURPOSEFUL SPIRIT]: GPS

B. Getting to Your Destination – your goals, your dreams, your ambitions, and eternal home, are realized as you “live out your faith” in God.

- **You decide** how you’re going to think, and what you’re going to do when you wake up every day.
- By taking responsibility for, and control of your own thoughts, emotions and actions, the journey of intentional living becomes reality!

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II. “Living With Purpose – On Purpose”

C. Leads to An Extraordinary Life –

- You can experience the best God has for you when you live intentionally.
 - **Insight(Living With Purpose):** from The Word of God - gathering the facts you need to know about life.
 - Seeking the plan God has for you in a new, heartfelt way.
 - **Action(On Purpose):** doing something with the information and insight you’ve gathered. Without action, nothing happens/nothing changes!

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(Heb. 13:20,21), ²⁰ *“Now may the God of peace [Who is the Author and the Giver of peace], Who brought again from among the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood [that sealed, ratified] the everlasting agreement (covenant, testament),*

²¹ Strengthen (complete, perfect) and make you what you ought to be; and equip you with everything good, that you may carry out His will; [while He Himself] works in you and accomplishes that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ (the Messiah); to Whom be the glory forever and ever (to the ages of the ages). Amen (so be it).” **AmpCI**



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