

Living Out Your Dangerous Purpose: Embracing God's Divine Plan

In a world obsessed with self-made success and personal achievement, there's a revolutionary truth that changes everything: you were created with intentional purpose before you took your first breath. Not by accident. Not by chance. But by the deliberate, loving hands of the Creator of the universe.

This isn't just inspirational talk—it's the foundation of a life that threatens the status quo, challenges darkness, and brings the kingdom of God into every space we occupy.

The Crisis of Identity

Our culture wrestles with identity in ways previous generations never imagined. Young people struggle with questions of sexuality, worth, and belonging. Adults measure their value by job titles, social media followers, or bank account balances. The church itself hasn't been immune, often adopting worldly metrics of success—attendance numbers, building sizes, positional titles.

But here's the truth that shatters these false measures: your worth was established before the foundation of the world, sealed by the blood of Christ, and has absolutely nothing to do with your performance.

Before You Were Born

The prophet Jeremiah received a message that should anchor every believer's understanding of their life: "I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born, I set you apart" (Jeremiah 1:5).

Think about that. God didn't just allow you to be born. He actively formed you. He knit you together with specific traits, abilities, and purposes in

mind. Every detail was intentional. The Creator who spoke galaxies into existence took time—outside of time—to craft you uniquely.

This means no one is a mistake. Not the child born from difficult circumstances. Not the person who feels overlooked or ordinary. Not the one carrying shame from past failures. Every single person was made by divine design for divine purposes.

The Foundation That Changes Everything

When Jesus emerged from the waters of baptism, heaven opened and three foundational truths were declared: "You are my Son, whom I love, and with you I am well pleased" (Mark 1:11).

These three statements—identity, love, and pleasure—form the bedrock of kingdom living.

You are loved. Not because you've earned it. Not because you performed well enough. But because the Father's love is intrinsic to who He is. This is the love that sent Jesus to die while we were still sinners. This is the love that pursues, restores, and never abandons.

You are a son or daughter. There's no children's table in God's kingdom. No second-class citizens. No stepchildren or grandchildren. Through Christ, we all sit equally at the King's table. This status cannot be earned through spiritual disciplines or lost through failure. It's settled by the blood of Jesus.

He is pleased with you. Before Jesus performed a single miracle, before He preached a sermon or healed the sick, the Father declared His pleasure. Why? Because pleasure in the kingdom isn't based on accomplishment—it's based on relationship. The Father is pleased with you because you're His.

These truths matter desperately because the enemy's first attack is always against identity. "If you are the Son of God..." he whispered to Jesus in the

wilderness. The same lie echoes today: "If you were really God's child, you wouldn't struggle like this. You wouldn't have failed. You'd be further along."

Don't fall for it. You don't have to prove what Christ already established.

The Divine Impact

Salvation isn't just fire insurance for the afterlife. It's an invitation into the divine work of God right now. Isaiah 61 paints the picture of what we're called to:

- Proclaim good news to the poor
- Bind up the brokenhearted
- Proclaim freedom for captives
- Comfort those who mourn
- Exchange beauty for ashes, joy for mourning, praise for despair

This isn't just Jesus' job description—it's ours. We're anointed by the same Spirit to carry the only truly good news the world will ever hear. In classrooms and coffee shops, boardrooms and living rooms, we bring the hope of Christ to everyone we encounter.

The promise is stunning: "They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor" (Isaiah 61:3). Oaks are stable, strong, enduring. They provide shade and shelter for generations. That's what God makes of scattered, broken people who surrender to Him.

Participating in the Divine

Here's where it gets exciting: "His divine power has given us everything we need for living a godly life" (2 Peter 1:3). Everything. Not most things. Not the basics. Everything.

When you were baptized—dying to your old self and rising in Christ—your life became no longer your own. You get to participate in things that are divine in nature. You can take a soul bound for eternity without God and introduce them to salvation through Christ. You can pray prayers that shift

spiritual realities. You can be used to restore marriages, heal wounds, and demonstrate the kingdom.

This is the privilege of the called. This is walking in the divine.

The Required Response

With such incredible calling comes a sobering question: Can I continue living as I have been?

Can mediocrity and Christianity coexist? Can we settle for being merely church-goers when we're called to be world-changers?

Paul wrote, "It is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful" (1 Corinthians 4:2). We've been entrusted with the mysteries of God, with the gospel, with a divine calling. What will we do with it?

This isn't a call to earn God's approval through frantic activity. It's not about striving in our own strength. It's about waking up each day and saying, "Father, You made me for great things. You're with me. I am Your child. You love me and are pleased with me. Show me how to walk in all You've called me to today."

A Different Kind of Dangerous

The world doesn't need more average Christians. It needs sons and daughters of God who know Him intimately, understand their purpose, and set out to change the world daily by walking with the Father in their divine calling.

This is what it means to be dangerous—not in worldly violence or aggression, but dangerous to darkness, to hopelessness, to the lies that bind people in chains. Dangerous to the status quo that says faith is private and inconsequential.

You were made for this. Before your first breath, God had this plan. He's given you everything you need. He's with you. He loves you. He's pleased with you.

The only question remaining is: What will you do with it?

The doorway between Sunday inspiration and Monday transformation is before us all. Will we walk through it into the fullness of our divine calling, or settle back into comfortable normalcy?

Dream. Believe. Run with the King in all He's called you to. The world is waiting for you to become who you already are in Christ.