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“Use your ordinary life to live out your extraordinary purpose”

Daily walking w/ Jesus is vital to fulfilling God’s purpose for our lives.

God knows you. He made you. God has a plan & a purpose for your life.

This is a series about daily pursuing your purpose.

“As long as you still have a **pulse**, God still has a **purpose** for your life.”

**Jeremiah 1:5** “I knew you before I formed you in your mother’s womb. Before you were born I set you apart...” (**AMP...I had holy plans for you**)

*God has a reason for you being alive, in this place, at this time, now!!*

“You are important & **your part in His plan** is important!”

**John 6:5 MSG** Jesus looked out & saw that a large crowd had arrived, He said to Philip, “**Where can we buy bread to feed these people?**” He said this to stretch Philip’s faith. He already knew what He was going to do. **7** Philip answered, “200 silver pieces wouldn’t be enough to buy bread for each person to get a piece.” **8** One of the disciples— Andrew, brother Peter—said, “There’s a little boy here who has five barley loaves & two fish. But that’s a drop in the bucket for a crowd like this.” **10** Jesus said, “**Make the people sit down.**” There was a nice carpet of green grass... They sat down, about 5000 of them. Jesus took the bread & having given thanks, gave it to those who were seated. He did the same w/ the fish. All ate as much as they wanted. **12** When the people had eaten their fill, He said to His disciples, “**Gather the leftovers so nothing’s wasted.**” They went to work & filled twelve large baskets w/ leftovers from the five barley loaves.

*Do you know: Your personal purpose? Where you’re going? What you want to do w/ your life?*

*Let's study, pray & seek Jesus to lead us to His **purpose** for our lives.*

**John 15:16 AMP** You haven't chosen Me, but I've chosen you & I've appointed you; I've planted you that you might go bear fruit & keep on bearing; that your fruit may be lasting; remain & abide; that whatever you ask the Father in My Name, He may give it to you.

*You must have & walk in God's vision & purpose for your life.  
True success is daily knowing & fulfilling God's will for your life.*

To know God's will & purpose is the greatest **treasure** you can have.

**AND**

To fulfill God's will & purpose is the greatest **pleasure** you can have.

*It's up to each of us to spend time w/ God & make sure that we have  
the Lord's will & purposes for our lives.*

*As you walk in God's purposes & plans, Jesus moves you forward in His  
upward call for your life.*

**Ephesians 5:15 AMP** Look carefully then how you walk! Live purposefully & worthily, accurately, not as the unwise & witless, but as wise (sensible, intelligent people), 16 Making the very most of the time [buying up each opportunity)...

*As you walk in God's purpose, don't let your passion diminish!*

*At Kings Circle, we're a dynamic purpose powered, passionate people!*

**Jeremiah 20:9** If I say I'll never mention the Lord or speak in His name, His Word burns in my heart like a fire. It's like a fire in my bones! I am worn out trying to hold it in! I can't do it!

With that kind of passion for Jesus and the Word of God, you'll receive direction & purpose for your life.

God didn't make a mistake when you were born! He knows that you're alive & living here right now. He has a plan & a purpose for your life.

*Living out your extraordinary purpose is greater than happiness, your family, career, or all of your dreams & ambitions!*

*It's not about you. You were born **by** His purpose & **for** His purpose!*

**Colossians 1:15 MSG** We look at this Son & see the God who cannot be seen. We look at this Son & see God's original purpose in everything created. For everything, absolutely everything, above & below, visible & invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels—***everything got started in Him & finds its purpose in Him.***

*Focusing on ourselves will never reveal your life's purpose. You can't do or be or fulfill your life's purpose while focused on yourself.*

Don't ask questions like: What do I want to be? What should I do w/ my life? What are my goals; my ambitions; my dreams; my future?

*You were made for God, not the other way around. Life is about letting God use you for His purposes, not using Him for your own purpose.*

This isn't a self-help sermon. This isn't about reaching your goals, fulfilling your dreams, your career, or planning & living a successful life.

*Living a successful life & doing/fulfilling your God-given purposes are two different issues entirely.*

You can be very successful according to the world's standards & miss the purposes that God has for your life.

**Acts 1:20** Peter said, “This was written in the book of Psalms, where it says, ‘Let his home become desolate, w/ no one living in it.’ It also says, ‘Let someone else take his position.’ 21 “So now we must choose a replacement for Judas from among the men who were w/ us the entire time we were traveling w/ the Lord Jesus; 22 from the time he was baptized by John until the day he was taken from us. Whoever’s chosen will join us as a witness of Jesus’ resurrection.” 23 So they nominated two men: **Joseph** called Barsabbas & **Matthias**. 24 Then they all prayed, “O Lord, You know every heart. Show us which of these men **You’ve chosen** as an apostle to replace Judas in this ministry, for he’s deserted us & gone where he belongs.” 26 They cast lots & Matthias was selected to become an apostle w/ the other eleven.

### **Not Just Speculation, But Revelation!**

*God’s not just the starting point of your life, He’s the source of your life.*

**Ephesians 1:11 MSG** *It’s **in Christ** that we find out who we are & **what we’re living for**.* Long before we first heard of Christ & got our hopes up, He had His eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall **purpose** He’s working out in everything & everyone.

*From this passage, we see 3 things:*

- 1. You discover & experience your identity & purpose through a relationship w/ Jesus Christ.*
- 2. God was thinking of you long before you were ever thinking about Him. You may choose your career, spouse, hobbies, & other parts of your life, but you don’t get to choose your purpose.*
- 3. The purpose of your life fits into a much larger purpose that God has designed for eternity.*

You may feel in the dark about your purpose in life, but you’re about to walk into the light...daily.