

Purpose (noun) - the reason for which something is done or created or for which something exists.

So many of us at one point or another struggle with the question, “what is my purpose?” or, “Why am I here?” At our core we desire the peace that comes with clarity on why we are here on earth.

We sense we are here for a reason but oftentimes we can't quite grasp why. This may be why there is so much confusion plaguing our world. People are searching for answers but the world is insisting the answers can't be found in the church. So, we medicate ourselves to numb the need for our lives to have purpose and meaning. The answer is much simpler than we believe it should be. We were created to be sons and daughters of God and as such we have been given a mandate by Jesus to make disciples. This is no small purpose. We weren't designed to wander through our lives as orphans because He claims us as His children. He knows us by name and He wrote every day of our existence in His book of life. He knows every hair on our head; we were no accident. Even if our earthly family told you you were, God doesn't make mistakes. From the beginning of time He has been intentional with every breath He has given to every human. The very breath we breathe is there to glorify His name. He has a place at His table for us and He claims us as His own. As His children, we have permission to act on the behalf of our Father.

The verse in Matthew tells us to, “teach them to obey all that I have commanded you.” So, what about the question, “where am I supposed to walk this out?” This could be done in many different occupations throughout your lifetime. This mandate applies when we are around our friends, when we are raising our kids, playing sports, when we are doing the mundane. We teach those in our world by first being obedient. They will do what we do. The way we live our lives, no matter the season we are in, should reflect a life surrendered to God. We should be quick to have a word in season and out of season. We should speak words of life when everyone around us is speaking words of death. We should be the first people to display generosity. We should forgive those who don't deserve forgiveness. We should mourn with those who mourn and rejoice with those who are rejoicing.

God knows where we are, when it's time to move on He will reposition us. Stay consistent and faithful. We need to walk through life holding things loosely so when our assignment changes, we haven't found our identity in the job we have. Our identity needs to be found in Him and Him alone. We were each created with greatness inside of us, but it is not our job to force change. It's our job to be obedient and God will order our steps.

When we lay our head down at night, we should have peace knowing God holds our world in His hands. He hasn't forgotten about us. He has great things in store for our life.

Prayer:

Father God, thank You for calling us Your son or daughter. Give us a revelation about what that means and how to operate in that identity. Remove any thoughts or beliefs that we are an orphan. Thank You that You do not make mistakes. Give us clarity on those in our

sphere of influence You are calling us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to. Give our spirit peace when we feel anxious and contentment with the assignment You currently have us in. May we find purpose and joy even in the mundane because You are tangibly present even in those seasons. Bless our coming and going. Continue to lead us and guide us. May we be quick to say “yes” to everything You call us to do.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Matthew 28:19-20

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Additional Scriptures:

1 Peter 2:9 | Jeremiah 29:11 | Proverbs 19:21

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