

Bible Study Series

I AM
HERE FOR
A REASON

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A Word From Pastor Moye

All of us regardless of color, regardless of gender, we are all searching for our place in this thing called life. We search for significance, meaning, value or we are simply searching for the reason we were created. The Psalmist said, our God fearfully and wonderfully made each one of us, and that leads to a series of questions: Why? Why am I here? And what am I supposed to do while I'm here? These are the questions Pastor Moye will attempt to dive into the next four weeks as we charter a course to discover the reason why we are here.

So join us on this trip as we search the word of God to discover God's plan and your purpose for your life.

Be Blessed,

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The Reason I'm Here

Abhijit Naskar-Without Purpose We Are Just Good-Looking Animals.

The Right Questions

What Is Your Purpose?

Psychologist-Purpose Is The Abiding Pension To Achieve Long Term Goals That Is Personally Meaningful, It's Makes A Positive Mark In The World.

Purpose Is Not A Destination, But It Is A Journey

Purpose-The Path Towards Destiny

Are You Seeking Relevance, Significance Or Purpose?

Where Are You In Life?

Pablo Picasso-The Meaning Of Life Is To Find Your Gift. The Purpose Of Life Is To Give It Away.

Joshua 1:8,9-This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God *is* with you wherever you go."

Ephesians 2:8-10- For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Isaiah 43-15-19-I *am* the LORD, your Holy One, The Creator of Israel, your King." ¹⁶ Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea And a path through the mighty waters, ¹⁷ Who brings forth the chariot and horse, The army and the power (They shall lie down together, they shall not rise; They are extinguished, they are quenched like a wick): ¹⁸ "Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. ¹⁹ Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness *And* rivers in the desert.

What Does The Bible Say About Purpose?

It Declares Why You Exist

It Defines Your Life

It Anchors Your Life

Ephesians 4:1-I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,

What Does The Bible Say About Purpose?

It Also Clarifies The Non-Negotiables And Identifies That You Should Never Change Who You Are Fundamentally For Anybody Else

2 Timothy 3:10-But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance,

2 Timothy 3:14-17-But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, ¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

How Does God Reveal Purpose To Us?

John 4:7-9-A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give Me a drink.” ⁸ For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. ⁹ Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, “How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?” For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

John 4:13-Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again,

Part II

The Right Time

Timing Is A Spiritual Journey

Jeremiah 29:11-For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Your Purpose Is Not Dependent Upon Your Perfection

Purpose Brings You Into The Glory Of God

Romans 11:36- For of Him and through Him and to Him *are* all things, to whom *be* glory forever. Amen.

1 Corinthians 10:31-Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

God Has Given You All You Need To Fulfill Your Purpose

Exodus 3:9-12-Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” ¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who *am* I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” ¹² So He said, “I will certainly be with you. And this *shall be* a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.” ¹³ Then Moses said to God, “Indeed, *when* I come to the children of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they say to me, ‘What *is* His name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴ And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ ”

When You Are In Purpose Opportunity Meets Preparation

How Do We Make Sure We Are In Position?

How Much Easier Would It Be Finding Purpose If I Found God First?

2 Peter 3:8,9-But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-To everything *there is* a season, A time for every purpose under heaven:

Proverbs 16:9-A man’s heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.

Part III

Being Where You Need To Be

Acts 17:28- so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; ²⁸for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring. ²⁹Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising.

You Are Planted With Purpose

Planted In Purpose

The Idea That Individuals Are Placed In Specific Situations, Communities,
Or Even Specific Times In History, With A divine Or Preordained Intention.

Jeremiah 17:5-8-Thus says the LORD: "Cursed *is* the man who trusts in man And makes flesh his strength, Whose heart departs from the LORD. ⁶For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, And shall not see when good comes, But shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, *In* a salt land *which is* not inhabited. ⁷"Blessed *is* the man who trusts in the LORD, And whose hope is the LORD. ⁸For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit.

The Fruit From My Life Is Tied To The Roots Of My Planting

John 15:8-By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

Purpose Is Not Dependent On You Magically Making The Perfect Decisions

How Does Expansion Come At The Right Time?

Expansion Comes To Those God Can Trust

1 Chronicles 5:9,10-Now Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, "Because I bore *him* in pain." ¹⁰ And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep *me* from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested.

Matthew 25:21-His lord said to him, 'Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

Question To Ask Yourself?

Are You This Kind Of Person That God Can Enlarge Your Territory,
And Trust You With its Purpose?

You Must Be In The Right Place At The Right Time

1 Kings 17:1-4-And Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the Lord God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word.”² Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying,³ “Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan.⁴ And it will be *that* you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.”

1 Kings 17:5-7-So he went and did according to the word of the LORD, for he went and stayed by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan.⁶ The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook.⁷ And it happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

Part IV

Are You The Right Person For The Job

The Doctrine Of Predestination

(Proorizō)-Determining Beforehand; Ordaining Or Deciding Ahead Of Time

Jeremiah 1:5-“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”

1 Corinthians 1:26-30-For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*.²⁷ But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;²⁸ and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are,²⁹ that no flesh should glory in His presence.³⁰ But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—³¹ that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the LORD.”

Ephesians 2:4-10-But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),⁶ and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God,⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Your Value Matters To God

Jeremiah 29:11-For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

John 10:10-The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

Every Scripture You Read Contains God’s Truth, And Brings Life And Hope Into Your Life

1 Peter 2:9-But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

Ephesians 2:10-For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Isaiah 61:7-Instead of your shame *you shall have* double *honor*; And *instead of* confusion they shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land they shall possess double; Everlasting joy shall be theirs.

What It Means To Be The Elect And The Chosen Stone

1 Peter 2:4-10-Coming to Him *as to* a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God *and* precious, ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, “Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.” ⁷ Therefore, to you who believe, *He is* precious; but to those who are disobedient, “The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone,” ⁸ and “A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense.” They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. ⁹ But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰ who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

John 15:16-You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

Benefits To Living In Purpose

Purpose Is The Sense Of Knowing That Your Life Has Meaning

Purpose Means The Work You Have Committed To Serves Humanity In A Positive Way