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1. How can we experience God through our Purpose?

- Knowing God intimately is foundational for the fulfillment of your purpose.

Purpose- The reason I was made.

(Eph 2:10) For we are His workmanship, created in Christ (Not evolution) Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

- The Bible translates workmanship as “work of art.”
- Do you know you are a work of Art?
- Do you know God wants to make something beautiful of our lives?
- God’s plans and purpose for our lives were predestined.
- What good work do you think you were born to do?

New Creation in Christ: Believers are transformed into new creations through their faith in Jesus, signifying a change in their lives.

2. Do you treat God as a co-pilot?

(Genesis 5:24) Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.

- Enoch walked with God, not that God walked with Enoch.
- God is not your Co-pilot; he is in charge.

God's Role in Transformation: The document highlights that only God can create this new life within individuals, which goes beyond mere self-improvement.

3. Why were you created?

- God created you for himself.
- You were not created for yourself.
- God created you for the purpose he has for you to accomplish his plan for the advancement of his kingdom and his glory.

Purpose of Creation: It explains that each person is created for a specific purpose, which is to fulfill God's plans for His kingdom.

4. Why do we exist in the world?

(1 Corinthians 8:6) for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

5. Why is this so important to know?

- We exist for God's purposes and our Purpose should be his purpose.

Seeking God: The importance of seeking God is emphasized, as knowing Him intimately is foundational for fulfilling one's purpose.

6. What does the Bible open with? In the beginning God (**Gen. 1:1**) God is the beginning.

(**Colossians 1:16–17**) *For in him all things were created*: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones, powers, rulers, or authorities; *all things have been created through him and for him*.¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

- Notice that Scripture does not say, all things have been created through him and for you.

God's Sovereignty: The document stresses that everything was created through and for God, and believers should prioritize God in their lives.

7. What's the importance of this scripture?

- God created *all things* through him and for him. (**That includes you**)
- You and I have been created for God himself.
- We also see that God was before all things.

8. If your life is unraveling or if you lack peace, what question should you be asking yourself?

- You need to ask yourself what position are you giving God in your life?
- God must be *positioned first* in your life.
- God has to be *positioned before* all things in order for those things to be held together.
- Having a purpose-filled life is about *proper alignment*.

Importance of Alignment: Proper alignment with God is crucial for maintaining peace and stability in life.

9. Why do so many people struggle with stability, calm and peace or even chaos?

- Because God has not been positioned before all things for them.
- He is not first, instead he is an "*addition to*" all things.

10. Why is making God the Central focus of our life so important?

- God will only hold the plan of your life together when he is before all things in your life.
- God desires to know you deeply, not just because you will go to heaven one day, but because he wants to fulfill his purpose through you on earth.
- God want to empower you in line with his purpose, not in line with your desires.
- If you are living outside of your purpose, you won't have the full power in your life to fulfill your purpose.
- Many people have made themselves the center point of life and not God.
- If you want to discover and live out God's purpose for your life, you will need to switch your thinking from seeing God as a vending machine but seeing him as the central focus of your life.

11. When a woman gives birth to a baby, she is the one who does what?

- She is the one who must adjust to the baby.
- In order to nourish and take care of the new life she has been given her sleep schedule must adjust. Her daily plans must adjust. Her priorities must adjust.

New life means adjustment.

- The new life that you live because you are saved ought to have created an adjustment in your perspective, planning and priorities.
- If it didn't you are still living for yourself.
- You are still focused on knowing yourself and not God.
- You are still seeing yourself and the center of your universe and not focusing on God's intentions for you.

Adjustments in Life: A new life in Christ requires adjustments in priorities and perspectives, similar to a mother adjusting her life after giving birth.

12. What happens when Cancer shows up in a person life?

- When someone finds out they have cancer, that's a bad situation because cancer can take over a person's life.
- Cancer wouldn't be so bad if it just shows up and stays still.
- We want God to do what we want cancer to do, show up and stay still.
- We schedule him in for a few hours on Sunday and during the week.
- When it comes to God taking over, some say that's not how we roll.
- We have our own purpose for our time, talents, and treasures.
- Because of that we will often face a life of emptiness and chaos.

13. How many of you have a hopeful future?

- There are many people who are living with a sense of hopelessness.

Hope and Restoration: It reminds believers that God has plans for their lives, offering hope and restoration even in difficult times.

14. Have you ever asked yourself these questions?

- Am I ever going to get where I am supposed to be?
- Am I ever going to do what I am supposed to do?
- Is life ever going to work for me?

15. If you are feeling like this today, I have a verse that can encourage you.

(Jeremiah 29:11–14) For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.

16. What can we learn for this verse?

- We can have hope in a negative world and negative circumstances.
- This book was written when God’s people had distanced themselves from God and they relationship was COLD.
- This is a promise for you from God.
- This is what you can count on when you draw near to God and get to know him.

In order to get to know him, we must:

- Call him.
- Seek him.
- Search for him to get to know him.
- God is saying that when we seek him, he will allow himself to be found, and he will fulfill his promises of restoration, purpose, and hope.

17. What is the key to moving from a negative experience of life and God toward a positive one of personal purpose and spiritual intimacy?

18. In your own words, describe what must be done in order for God to “RESTORE” you and set you on the path to your purpose?

19. Can you think of a biblical example of someone who had grown distant from God but repented, sought God, and was set back on a path to purpose?

(1 Samuel 13:14) But now your kingdom will not endure; the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people, because you have not kept the Lord's command.

- David wasn't a perfect man, but he was referred to in scripture as a man after God's own heart. **(1 Sam 13:14)**
- David served the purpose of God in his own generation.
- David was a man who was about more than church attendance, Bible study, committees.
- David was a man after God's purpose.
- David did what he was put on earth to do.
- David realized that God's blessings are tied to God's purpose.

David as an Example: The life of David is presented as an example of someone who pursued God's purpose despite imperfections.

20. In what ways do you get encouragement to keep your eyes on the present and not on our past?

21. In what ways can failure or mistakes in our past keep us from maximizing our purpose in the present and future?

22. If you want to know the plan for your life, where do you look?

- Don't just look for the plan without looking for the planner.

23. What does it mean to “Look for the planner?”

24. What are you doing in your life to demonstrate closeness with God?

(Acts 13:22) After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: 'I have found David's son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.

(Acts 13:36) Now when David had **served God's purpose** in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed.

- David was called a "**Man after God's own heart**" by God. He demonstrated with his life the closeness he had with God.

25. Do you know God's Purpose for your own life? Share what you believe they are and how you are pursuing their discovery.

26. Are you worried about fulfilling your purpose?

(Ephesians 3:20) Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.

- He has said our life is going to be a great life, a life on purpose, one filled with both a future and a hope.
- The surest way to live out your purpose is to fix your eyes on the one who has promised that goodness and mercy will follow you when you follow him. (Psalm 23:6)
- Remember he who began a good work in you will complete it. (Philippians 1:6)
- Keep your eyes on the Lord and not your circumstances.

27. Why do many people lose heart?

- People lose heart when they can't see a future.
- The weather report of their lives says, **No sunshine.**
- There is nothing in life related to their calling or destiny.
- We must remember when we are in the midst of hopelessness and pain, God shows up and say, I know the plans that I have for you.

28. Why is that so important to know?

- Because when God says he has a plan, you know **the story is not over.**
- If you are still here, then you can assume your life is not over.
- **Your destiny is not over.**
- **Your purpose is not over.**
- **Your call is not over.**

- If you are still living, breathing, and functioning on Planet Earth, God **still** has a plan just for you.

I know some of you are saying Pastor you don't know my past or my past is messed up and God will never use me.

Many people in the Bible had a past too. But God **still** had a plan for then that included a future and a hope.

29. One of the key components to living a life of power is learning how to trust the Lord in times that don't make sense.

- There are times when your life may look dark or seem unclear, and you have no idea where God is taking you.
- I may not understand it all, but I know this: He has a plan for you and it's a good plan to give you both a future and hope.

Continuous Seeking: This lesson encourages continuous pursuit of a relationship with God to discover and live out one's purpose.

Conclusion:

- Since we are made in the image of God, we ought to pursue relationships within a local church and seek to live out God purpose for our lives a member of his body.
- If you want to know the plan for your life, stop looking just for the plan. Look for the planner.
- God want to get to know you, not informationally, but relationally and intimately. But the decision is in your hands. You must seek him, pursue him, run after him, spend time with him, communicate with him, and learn about him **(Through his word)**.
- This isn't about you. It's much bigger than you. It's about God using you to advance something he is doing in history.

