

PPT Renewed Series Week 2

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God has a Plan and Purpose for His Children.

John 1:12-13 “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”

Seek God for His Plan

Jeremiah 29:11-13 – “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. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” (NIV)

1. GOD MADE YOU ON PURPOSE AND FOR A PURPOSE

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.”

Saul’s Transformation and Renewed Purpose

Acts 9:1-2 – “Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.”

2. MISPLACED PURPOSE

God’s intervention to help him discover a better reason for living and a renewed purpose for his life. Paul is on his way to continue his persecution when something amazing happens.

Acts 9:3-9 “As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?” And he said, “Who are You, Lord?” Then the Lord said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads.” So he, trembling and astonished, said, “Lord, what do You want me to do?”

Then the Lord said to him, “Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.” And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.”

3. DIVINE DISRUPTION

Saul’s life was completely altered by Jesus’ intervention in his life.

Acts 9:10-19 – “Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” So the Lord said to him, “Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight.”

Then Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name.” But the Lord said to him, “**Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name’s sake.**”

And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized. So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus.”

- Saul was God’s “**chosen vessel**” to proclaim the good news of Jesus to the gentiles.

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.

- Saul encountered Jesus along the road to Damascus and he is miraculously transformed.

THE PATH TO RENEWED PURPOSE

1. Renewed purpose given to us from God will always align with what God has already stated in the Bible. God will not contradict His Word as he gives us instruction. Does the thing you believe God is leading you to sound like something God would want?
2. Renewed purpose for our lives is almost always something that we cannot do on our own. God’s plan for us requires his involvement and empowerment for us to be successful. The Holy Spirit in our lives will guide us as we move into new endeavors and help us make the right connections. We need to be in community with others.

3. Renewed purpose is often confirmed through obedience one step at a time. Rarely does God give us the entire picture at once. Living out God's purpose for our lives requires faith to step out to discover our personal purpose.

The life of Saul would suggest that God is never done with us, and he will use us for what he created us for to fulfill his Kingdom Purposes. Points to remember:

- No matter what my life has been like in the past, God can give me a new purpose.
- I have purpose because God made me with a plan in mind.
- Ask yourself what your purpose is in life now. Invite God to clarify his purpose for your life.

Get involved in the “Discovering Your Personal Purpose” course written by Dr. Janet Cook. Begins January 20 through March 10. Cost \$75 to audit. With SOM Credits \$160

“The plan of God for your life is....the plan of God for your life; anything else is second best. Everyone has a God given purpose in life. It is not measured by your bank account or people’s opinions. Your purpose is your God given course in life with all of its challenges, with all of its hopes, with all of its accomplishments and with all of its dreams.”

“Introduction....

The purpose of this study is to encourage and inspire you to be all that God created you to be. What a tragedy it would be if you lived your entire life and never knew why you lived! This workbook has been developed because of my own personal struggle of discovering my God given purpose for living.

“Discovering Your Personal Purpose” is designed to help you identify your purpose in life. This journey requires a lifelong relationship with God our Creator. God made plans for your life and placed His eternal purpose in your heart before He formed you in your mother’s womb. You must go to Him to find out all that you were meant to be. You can rest knowing that God is the master builder and He has not forgotten one detail of your life.

With a prayerful attitude, take your time going through each lesson. Write down what the Lord is speaking to you. Remember He is the “Master Builder” and He sees the total picture of your life.

My prayer is that you will accept and agree with God’s plan for your life and commit yourself entirely to Him. God Bless you on your journey to **“Discovering Your Personal Purpose”**.

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