

SERMON NOTES



The Power of a Fresh Start

I have a New Purpose!

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The two most important days in your life are the day you were _____ and the day you discover _____. -origin uncertain

PURPOSE: A central _____ in life.

- a. _____ meaningful.
- b. Leaves a _____ mark on the world.
- c. Changes the lives of _____.¹

Mark 1:14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 15 "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

16 As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 17 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." 18 At once they left their nets and followed him.

19 When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. 20 Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

1. JESUS' PURPOSE:

Change the lives of _____ with the power of the _____!

1. Jesus' purpose transcends _____ but has specific _____.
 - *Galatians 4:4-5 But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.*

¹ <https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/topic/purpose/definition>

- *John 2:4 “Woman, why do you involve me?” Jesus replied. “My hour has not yet come.” 5 His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”*
- *John 17:1-2 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. 2 For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him.*

2. Jesus’ purpose is _____ but includes other _____.

- *Mark 8:31 He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again.*
- *John 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.*
- *Matthew 28:16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ...19 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, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. ...*

2. OUR PURPOSE:

Change the lives of _____ with the power of the _____!

1. Jesus uses our _____ to bring the Gospel to the _____!

- *2 Samuel 7:8 “Now then, tell my servant David, ‘This is what the Lord Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel.*
- *1 Corinthians 12:4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.*

**“...you have been given a unique _____
to make a unique _____ in your
unique sphere of _____.”**

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2. God's purpose takes _____ sacrifice for _____ rewards.

- *Matthew 16:24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. 26 What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? 27 For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.*

Some questions to journal on:

- *Ask Him how He has uniquely wired you for a purpose to live a life of impact.*
- *Ask Him to reveal the unseen moments of doing the ordinary things in life that can advance His Kingdom.*
- *Ask Him who He wants you to pray for and spend time with to draw them into a more intimate relationship with Him.*
- *Ask Him to ignite your heart to be intentional in the everyday moments, infusing impact in the day-to-day. **

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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;

the old has gone, the new has come!

2 Corinthians 5:17

MY PERSONAL NOTES

SERMON REFLECTIONS: Apply to My Life

The thought the Spirit is leading me to focus on is:

The change the Spirit is leading me to work on is:

The action the Spirit is prompting me to take is:

My prayers today are:

Someone I would like to bless with today's message: