



# Jesus' Clear message about PURPOSE

## Introduction

**Previously** we discussed

- (1) how we are uniquely “crafted by God”
- (2) and then we considered the stages in Moses’ life
- (3)** AND then we began to consider how the calling of God is working in your life by thinking together about another example: the life of Joseph and His calling Timeline.
- (4) Finally, In our last segment, we took a seriously look at the call of God on our lives and how to respond to it

## 3 things we need to know about living our lives ON PURPOSE WITH PURPOSE

Let us consider these 3 things that go to the heart of the matter of the Christian life when it comes to purpose. We want to describe these in terms of what we really need according to the words of Jesus in particular.

### 1. We need p\_\_\_\_\_ more than m\_\_\_\_\_

#### **Matthew 4:4 ESV**

But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

#### **Matthew 6:25-26 ESV**

"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? [26] Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"

#### **Matthew 6:33**

**33** But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Purpose and direction in life is not optional. We need God's direction and plan for our lives. We must not pursue our own plans hoping they will lead to success.

We must seek His plan first. Once His plan is enacted (respond to His call) we will discover that all other things are provided for according to His good will and purpose.

## 2. We need relationships more than things

John 13:34 ESV

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

### How to RELATE to one another

- **Love** one another (John 13:34 - This command occurs at least 16 times)
- **Be devoted** to one another (Romans 12:10)
- **Honor** one another above yourselves (Romans 12:10)
- **Live in harmony** with one another (Romans 12:16)
- **Build up** one another (Romans 14:19; 1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- **Be likeminded** towards one another (Romans 15:5)
- **Accept** one another (Romans 15:7)
- **Admonish** one another (Romans 15:14; Colossians 3:16) Greet one another (Romans 16:16)
- **Bear** one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2)
- **Forgive** one another (Ephesians 4:2, 32; Colossians 3:13)
- **Be patient** with one another (Ephesians 4:2; Colossians 3:13)
- **Speak to one another with psalms**, hymns and spiritual songs (Ephesians 5:19)
- **Look** to the interests of one another (Philippians 2:4)
- **Bear** with one another (Colossians 3:13)
- **Teach** one another (Colossians 3:16)
- **Comfort** one another (1 Thessalonians 4:18)
- **Encourage** one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- **Exhort** one another (Hebrews 3:13)
- **Clothe yourselves** with humility towards one another (1 Peter 5:5)
- **Pray** for one another (James 5:16)

Relationships are essential, and the most important in God's eyes. First, we relate to Him and as a result we are to relate to others in love. All other things are less important than the people we come in contact with.

### 3. We need to / \_\_\_\_\_ and r \_\_\_\_\_ others more than being c \_\_\_\_\_ to

**Matthew 20:27-28 ESV**

and whoever would be first among you must be your servant, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

**Acts 20:35 ESV** In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

#### How to SERVE to one another

- **Care for** one another (1 Corinthians 12:25)
- **Serve** one another (Galatians 5:13)
- **Submit** to one another (Ephesians 5:21, 1 Peter 5:5)
- **Consider** others better than yourselves (Philippians 2:3)
- **Stir up** [provoke, stimulate] one another to love and good works (Hebrews 10:24)
- **Show hospitality** to one another (1 Peter 4:9)
- **Employ the gifts** that God has given us for the benefit of one another (1 Peter 4:10)
- **Confess** your faults to one another (James 5:16)
- **Speak the truth** in love (Ephesians 4:15, 25)
- **Be kind** and compassionate to one another (Ephesians 4:32)

#### And

- **Do not lie** to one another (Colossians 3:9)
- **Do not pass judgment** on one another (Romans 14:13) If
- **Do not bite and devouring each other**...you'll be destroyed by each other (Galatians 5:15) Let
- **Do not become conceited**, provoking and envying each other (Galatians 5:26)
- **Do not slander** one another (James 4:11)
- **Don't grumble** against each other (James 5:9)

Putting other first is a sign of spiritual maturity. Serving others is part of God's purpose for our lives and in this we discover meaning because people are truly more valuable than all other things in this world.