

*A Sermon Transcript Based On Ephesians 5:15-18...  
You Can Spend Your Life In Many Ways, But You Can Only Spend It Once.*

# WALK CAREFULLY



WE ARE MEANT TO LIVE  
ON PURPOSE FOR A PURPOSE

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## We Are Meant To Live On Purpose For A Purpose

How many of these we have and what we do with them differs, but we all get 24 hours in a day, 7 days in a week and 365 days in a year.

Some of them are behind us. Some of them are ahead of us. What did we do with them, and what will we do with them, that really matters?

*There are countless options to choose from. There are countless frustrations to deal with.  
There are countless obligations to work toward. There are countless distractions to fight against.*

Busyness can redirect our attention and cause us to lose focus on our purpose. So, it's important that we take regular inventory of what we fill our calendars and schedules with so we don't waste our lives on unimportant things.

After all, most of us have a tendency to focus on whatever is of immediate concern or offers us instant gratification instead of focusing on the more important, longer-term work that God has for us to do.

Rather than scrolling and clicking and watching and recreating and drifting and coasting and working and busying our lives away on things that don't matter, Jesus is calling us into something better....

*A life that is rich with meaning and purpose and joy  
in this world, at this time, for His kingdom.*

We are to add some things in to our schedules. We are to take away some things from our schedules. We are to complete as many things on our schedules as possible in a way that will be fruitful forever.

We are meant to live on purpose for a purpose.

And, by the grace of God, this is how we can do it...

All for Jesus,

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A few years ago, we were traveling and needed to stop for a restroom break. I forgot to turn off the GPS on my iPhone, so I still got instructions as I walked into the men's room.

It's a little awkward as you're walking toward a urinal, and a voice from your pocket calls out, *"Proceed to the route."* Worse still is when you reach the urinal, and the voice says, *"Turn right."* The dude beside you is like, *"Nah, bro. Don't turn right."*

So, I left as quickly as I could, and the maps app kept saying, *"Recalculating."* It's a polite way of saying, *"You took a wrong turn; you're headed in the wrong direction."*

I always thought it would be kinda fun if someone like Mr. T voiced my GPS. He'd be like, *"I pity the fool that doesn't turn right. Recalculating."* Or maybe Yoda, *"Hmmm. Lost you are. Recalculating I am."*

But I really do like GPS for mapping because I want to navigate in the most effective way from where I am to where I want to go.

*I'm at this place. I want to be at this place.  
What is the best way for me to get from here to here?*

What I don't want to do when I head out on a drive across the country or in a major city or in places that I'm unfamiliar with is to just start driving without any type of planned route.

There are too many road hazards that might cause me to take too long to get there, and there are too many road options that might take me in the wrong direction so that I never get there.

So, I don't take foolish chances; I make wise choices.

Now, while it can be frustrating for a drive to take longer than we want it to, or for us to take a wrong turn on the drive, it's a far more serious thing to waste our lives by going the wrong way.

And life is too short to put off until tomorrow what we should be doing today.

There is a song that I really like called *"Blink"* by the group Revive which goes like this...

*"Teach me to number my days and count every moment, before it slips away ... it happens in a blink, it happens in a flash, it happens in the time it took to look back, I try to hold on tight, but there's no stopping time, what is it that I've done with my life?"*

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Listen...

*The days are long, but the years are short.*

Are you tracking with me? Our days are so busy, and they seem to just drag on with all of the stuff we've got going on. Then, suddenly it's November, and the year is almost behind us.

What is it that I've done with my life?

God has called us and equipped us to live unwasted lives. And one of the biggest challenges we face is to delay in getting started doing what God means for us to do.

We wait until a more convenient time, thinking we have plenty of time, but more often than not, we will run out of time.

There are too many distracting hazards out there for us to just drive in any direction and hope we get to the right place on time.

The good news is, we don't have to live that way. God will guide us so we can make the most of our lives.

If you have your Bibles, turn with me to Ephesians 5. We're going to read verses 15-18. It will also be on the screen behind me if you want to follow along there. Ephesians 5, beginning in verse 15, the Bible says...

*[15] Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, [16] making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. [17] Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. [18] And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit. (ESV)*

So, here's where we're going in our time together, here's what I want you to take away from today's message:

*We are meant to live  
on purpose for a purpose.*

That is, we are to be intentional about doing what God made us to do. We are to live on purpose for a purpose.

Let's take a closer look at these verses and see this together...

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In verse 15, He says *"Look carefully then how you walk."* That word *"walk"* doesn't mean physically taking steps like we might say, *"Let's go for a walk on the beach."* It means *"to live."*

Your walk is how you live your life. It's your conduct. It's your pattern of behavior. It's your lifestyle. It's what you do. It means to pursue a particular path for your life, namely to follow Jesus.

The Bible actually says in 1 John 2:6...

*"Whoever says he abides in him (Jesus) ought to walk in the same way in which he walked."*

It doesn't mean we should literally head to Galilee and follow in his steps throughout that region. It means wherever we are, we are to live like Jesus lived. We are meant to live a certain way. And that is *"not as unwise, but as wise."*

Now this doesn't come naturally or automatically to us because most of us have a tendency to coast through life, right?

Go with the flow. Swim with the current, kind of whatever direction it takes us. We get into ruts and rhythms and don't even realize it because we're not looking carefully. And that's unwise.

To be wise is to listen for, trust in and live out the countercultural plans of God so that we move in the right direction, His direction.

But this isn't just going to happen by chance. Paul says we are to *"look carefully"* how we live.

Christians aren't to drift through life without any forethought or effort or aim. We don't just passively let life happen to us; we actively pursue the life God has for us. We have a goal. We have a focus. We have a purpose.

We'll talk more about that later, but the point I want to make now is that we intentionally pray about and think about and plan about and take action about His purpose for our lives. We don't live as unwise, but as wise.

*We are meant to live on purpose for a purpose.*

So, with that as the foundation, let's build upon that in our remaining time. How do we do this?

We're at this place. We want to be at this place. What is the best way for us to get from here to here so that we don't drift into the wrong places?

Let me suggest three things from our text...

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First, we MAKE THE BEST USE OF OUR TIME. Look at verse 16 again...

*Making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.*

There are a couple of Greek words used in the Bible which are translated “time” in our English versions.

One of them is the word chronos. Chronos is the measurement of time such as seconds, minutes and hours. We might call it “clock time.”

We started our services today at 10:00 AM. That’s chronos time. Our services usually last about an hour and fifteen minutes. That’s chronos time. If you end up looking at your watches later this morning because I’m speaking too long, that’s chronos time.

It’s a measurement, and it’s NOT the word used here in this verse.

The other word is used here, and it is kairos. (ki-ruhs) Kairos is a limited-time opportunity with favorable, but temporary conditions.

For example, harvest time is kairos time ... if you wait too long, you miss the opportunity, and the crops are ruined. There is this season in which it has to be done.

Kairos time is a window that is opened, but may close without warning, and it may never be opened again. In fact, kairos is translated as “opportunity” in Galatians 6:9-10...

*And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. (ESV)*

So, listen... While we are gathered here this morning, you have an opportunity to put your faith in Jesus, you have an opportunity to repair a relationship, you have an opportunity to pull someone aside and pray for them, you have an opportunity to give someone a hug, you have an opportunity to welcome a visitor, you have an opportunity to encourage someone who is serving – and if you walk out that door without taking the opportunity, you may never get it again. That’s kairos time.

We might say it like this:

*Chronos is about minutes; Kairos is about moments.*

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Here we are told to watch for opportunities so we don't let them pass us by. Opportunities to do good. Opportunities to receive favor. Opportunities to glorify God.

When we see that God has put us in the right place at the right time to do the right thing, we are to quickly seize the opportunity. These divinely appointed moments won't last forever, and they may not last for long.

Both our "chronos" time and our "kairos" time can be spent any way we choose, but we can only spend it once.

Paul is telling us that if we want live on purpose for a purpose, we've got to seize our opportunities. Making the best use of our time is essential to living wisely, not unwisely.

Psalm 90:12 says...

*So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. (ESV)*

Now, there is only One Who knows how to best use the time that remains for you and me, so let's not leave Jesus out of our plans today or any day.

The Bible says in James 4:13-15 says...

*Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist [vapor] that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."*

Here's the point:

*Don't leave God out of your plans, but rather embrace His plans for you.*

We don't know how to make the best use of our time, or even how much time remains, but He does. And that brings us to our next point...

How do we pay careful attention to how we walk? How do we live on purpose for a purpose?

First, we MAKE THE BEST USE OF OUR TIME. Second, we UNDERSTAND WHAT THE WILL OF THE LORD IS. Look with me at verse 17...

*Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.*



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Since evil is lurking everywhere – the days are evil – since evil is lurking everywhere and is intent on leading us away from God into foolish living, then we must be intentional about living wisely so we stay on the narrow road that always leads to where we should be.

Now listen, we don't have to make our own map. We don't have to guess at this. We don't have to figure it out on our own.

God is pleased to reveal His will to us so we can understand how best to live as He means for us to live.

Now, God reveals His will to us in a number of ways, but the primary way is through the Bible. And He will never guide us through any other means that contradicts what He has said in the Bible.

So, we understand the will of God by rightly understanding the Word of God. We read the Bible. In its pages, we discover God's glorious plan and purpose for our lives.

Romans 12:2 says...

*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (ESV)*

How do we discern or understand the will of God? We fill our minds with what God says in the Bible. By listening to God over politicians, journalists, bloggers, self-help gurus, life coaches, entertainers, podcasters, peers and other people.

To think rightly about God, about ourselves and about our world, we must think biblically.

If God says it, then it's true. If God says it, then it's right. If God says it, then it's good. What He says renews our minds. For our definitive source of truth and wisdom for life, we must turn to Scripture instead of culture.

Listen to what Psalm 119:10-11 says...

*With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. (ESV)*

Let me not wander from your commandments. How do we safeguard our lives from drifting? How do we walk carefully and not wander off course? We store up the word of God in our hearts.

Later in verse 105 of that same Psalm it says...

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*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. (ESV)*

How do we see to walk carefully in life? How do we know the right path to take? We turn to the Bible for instruction on how to live.

Remember why we are instructed to redeem the time? Because the days are evil. There is darkness all around us, and the Bible lights up our path so we can know where to go to get from where we are to where we are meant to be.

It keeps our feet on solid ground. It shows us where the ditches are. It points us in the right direction.

Listen to me. Here's why this is so, so important...

His commandments keep us from unnecessary suffering.

His truth overcomes the lies of the enemy.

His wisdom guides us into right decision-making.

His promises give us strength and hope.

His revelations tell us everything we need for real life.

His good news leads us to salvation.

The Bible tells us how to live on purpose for a purpose. The Bible reveals the will of God to us. Do you want to know how to live wisely and happily and purposefully by the grace of God to the glory of God as you carry out the will of God?

Read. Your. Bible.

The bottom line is this:

*We are to think through our plans and  
make sure they align with God's plans.*

As we live it out by grace, in dependence upon the presence and power and purposes of Jesus, He will help us give less priority to the things that really don't matter and more priority to the things that do.

His voice is our GPS – what He says directs us to live in such a way that He gets the honor He deserves,

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and we get the happiness we desire.

How do we pay careful attention to how we walk? How do we live on purpose for a purpose? First, we MAKE THE BEST USE OF OUR TIME. Second, we UNDERSTAND WHAT THE WILL OF THE LORD IS. Third, we ARE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT. Look with me at verse 18...

*And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit.*

What we're talking about here is who or what is steering our lives.

We're talking about control.

We're talking about influence.

We're talking about power.

We're talking about direction.

We need Someone to nudge us to see opportunities. We need Someone to help us understand the Bible. We need Someone to empower us to resist the influences of this world. We need someone to be the GPS of our lives, guiding us to walk carefully and wisely and purposefully. Go there. Don't go there.

That is exactly Who God gives us...

The Holy Spirit living in each of us who trust in Jesus.

So often we don't know what is right to do, haven't got the desire to do what we know, and can't do what we know and want to do that is right.

He gets us from here to there, from where we are to where we need to be.

Christians aren't to be under the controlling influence of anyone or anything other than God. This includes wine, which is mentioned here, but extends to any spiritual intoxicant that dulls our sensitivity to the Spirit's leadership in our lives.

It ruins our judgment. It alters our behavior. It wastes our time.

To be filled with the Spirit is looking to Him for guidance, relying on Him for power, and yielding to Him for control of our lives. Let me show you where I get that...

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Listen to what the Bible says in John 14:26...

*But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.*

And then in John 16:13a...

*When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth...*

The Holy Spirit helps us understand what God wants to say to us in the Bible. What it means. What God is doing. When and where and how we are to live it out in opportunities of everyday life.

We don't have to try to understand the will of the Lord by ourselves; the Holy Spirit living inside us will teach us and guide us.

So part of being filled with the Spirit is looking to Him for guidance into truth and how to apply it in real life.

Then, in Galatians 5:16 and 25 the Bible tells us...

*But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. (v16)  
If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. (v25)*

The Bible continues with this imagery of walking as a way of describing how we live out our lives – our lifestyle, our pattern of conduct - and here it says that the way we are to do this is by reliance on the Holy Spirit. Rather than trusting in our own feelings, we are to rely on His promptings.

Rather than trying hard in our own strength, we are to rely on His power.

He will remind us of what God commands us and promises us and wants for us, and then He will help us live by what God says to us.

So part of being filled with the Spirit is relying on Him for power to take opportunities and stay within God's will for our lives.

But this only happens when we stay in step with Him. 1 Thessalonians 5:19 cautions us in this way...

*Do not quench the Spirit.*

Like water thrown on the fire, we can extinguish how the Holy Spirit works in our lives by resisting Him.

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This doesn't mean that He will leave us or that we have the final say in what God does or does not do; it means that God chooses for reasons that are good and wise and right to often let us say "no" to the Spirit when we should say "yes" to Him.

This is the opposite of yielding or submitting to His control. We don't listen to His guidance. We don't rely on His power.

So, we are to ask Him to take charge of our lives. How do we yield control? We keep saying "Yes" to Him. Yes, I'll trust you in this. Yes, I'll do that. Yes, I'll take your help. When we do, He will burn bright within us so that we can see and know and do and enjoy all that God wills for us.

So part of being filled with the Spirit is yielding to Him by choosing His way over our way.

The bottom line is this...

When we recognize that our wisdom is flawed, that our power is inadequate, that our attempt at controlling things is futile, and we instead rely on His presence within us for all that we are to be and do, we will live the most purpose-filled lives possible.

Listen to me...

*The more we are empty of self, the more we will be filled with the Spirit.*

My Grandpa Staggs was a wonderful man who worked hard, loved his family well and was sacrificially generous to those in need.

But he didn't know Jesus. My grandma prayed for him for 50 years, but he didn't want to have anything to do with spiritual things and rejected God all that time.

One day Paula and I were driving back from Chicago, and I sensed the Holy Spirit telling me to get my pastor and go visit my grandpa when we got home.

So, the next morning we drove over. My pastor began to tell my grandpa about Jesus and concluded by asking him, "Mr. Staggs, would you like to put your faith in Jesus today and be saved?"

My grandpa looked at him and said, "Yes sir, I would."

My grandma began to cry, I just stood there with my mouth open, and my pastor led my 83-year-old grandpa to Jesus.

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A couple of months later my grandpa took his afternoon nap and woke up in the presence of the Lord. This was a kairos moment. There was a short window that I had no idea was about to close.

Thank God for the grace that was given to me so that I would hear from and yield to the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

Now, it doesn't always work like that. I've done other things where I never saw any results at all. It doesn't mean that God wasn't working in those instances, and the Bible teaches that nothing we do for Him is ever wasted.

We don't know when and where and how and what God will do ... that's up to Him.

What's up to us is to listen for Him and trust Him and obey Him in the everyday moments of life.

Now, let me sum up why all of this matters. It matters because time is precious.

Time is precious. It's precious because it's short. Even if we live long, rich lives – they're over in a blink. And, regardless of how long our time on this earth is, it is filled with moments that are here for a brief period and then disappear in an instant.

Time is precious. It's precious because we don't know how much more of it remains. We have no guarantee of tomorrow. We can't borrow or buy more than a single life's worth of minutes, hours, and days. We have now, and that is all we are certain of.

Time is precious. It's precious because once it's gone, it's gone forever. We can't recover a single second from the clock nor a single grain of sand from the hourglass. There is no rewind button for our lives.

Time is precious. It's precious because there are staggering implications for how we use it. What we do in everyday life now has great impact on eternal life later. It affects not only our lives, but how we use our time ripples into the lives of others far beyond what we can see or imagine.

Why does this matter? It matters because your life matters.

You, yes you, were made to live on purpose for a purpose. Your life counts. Your life has value. Your life is rich with meaning. Even in the messes and stresses that are a part of it.

Whether you're a CEO or a stay-at-home mom; whether you're young or older; whether you have a huge following or know just a few people; whether you like being very active in sports or relaxing at the beach; whether you're doing the same old thing or ready to start something new.

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It doesn't matter what the particulars are of your life, today, this week, this season – God wants you to live it carefully and use it wisely and experience it fully. All to this end...

*You and I were made to know Jesus and make Him known  
so that God is honored in us and we are happy in Him.*

We are meant to live on purpose for THAT purpose. That's worth living for ... His honor and our happiness – and inviting other people into this with us. The Bible even hints at that in our text when it says in the next two verses...

*[19] Addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, [20] giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (ESV)*

God being honored through our happiness in Him.

That's ultimately what it means to understand the will of the Lord.

That's what happens when we make the best use of our time.

That's why we are to let the Holy Spirit control our lives.

There are opportunities for this every single day no matter where we are at or who we are with or what we are doing.

Now, as we think about what it looks like to live this out, let me give you some practical steps to take each day. There are three of them...

1. Ask for the Holy Spirit's help in all things. Pray for guidance and power and motivation to walk carefully. Ask God to help you understand the truth of Scripture and see opportunities to do good.
2. Read the Bible to discern God's will. Here you will find out what it looks like to live on purpose for a purpose which is more important than anything else in this world.
3. Seize the opportunities you are given. Say "yes" over and over again when you sense the Spirit prompting you to obey, prompting you to speak up, prompting you to act quickly.

And as you repeatedly and regularly do this, watch how God works in your life.

Now, that's exciting, isn't it? But it also may make you feel some pressure to get this right.

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Let me remove that pressure right now ... *you're not going to always get this right.*

You're going to head in the wrong direction at times. But there is grace for you. Grace to forgive you and grace to recalculate you.

I encourage you: Don't give up or give in or give out. The Spirit will help you get back on the right path as you say "yes" to the next thing He says.

Now listen, before we go, there is something we all need to hear.

There is one opportunity that if we miss it, we can miss it forever, and that is the opportunity to put our faith in Jesus and receive salvation.

You see, our main problem isn't that we are in danger of wasting our lives; there is something infinitely bigger at stake here. Our main problem is that we are in danger of losing our souls and wasting away for all eternity in judgment as we face the wrath of God for our sin.

But there is some incredibly good news for us.

Let me give you one more place in the Bible where the word "*kairos*" is used. In 2 Corinthians 6:2, the Bible says this...

*Behold, now is the favorable time [kairos]; behold, now is the day of salvation.*

The Bible says in 2 Peter 3:9 that God is "*not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*"

You see, God, by His will, sent Jesus to the cross to die in our place to atone for our sins so we can be forgiven and have eternal life.

For all the times we miss divine opportunities to do good.

For all the times we disobey God's will.

For all the times we ignore the Holy Spirit's guidance.

For all the times we don't strive to honor Him and find our happiness in Him.

Jesus paid it all. Oh how gracious our God is!



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And He will not only help you live fully and abundantly for the rest of your earthly life; He will also give you eternal life if you will do the wise thing of repenting and believing in Him.

If you haven't already done that, will you do that this morning? Will you receive Jesus while you still have the opportunity to do it? Will you ask God to forgive you for your sins and change your life forever?

If you mean it, He will do it. Now is the favorable time; today is the day of salvation.

If you'd like to talk with someone about that, there will be people on the front row, or you can come see me, and we'd love to share more about how to take that opportunity this morning while you still can.

For everyone who has already entrusted your life to Jesus... we are to walk carefully.

Let us look for opportunities each day for this to happen.

Let us read the Bible to discover how this happens.

Let us depend on the guidance and power and control of the Holy Spirit to make this happen.

That's how we get from where we are each morning to where we need to be throughout the day. All to know Jesus and make Him known so that God is honored in us and we are happy in Him. Both now and forever! Let's proceed to that route. Let's turn right in that direction.

It happens in a blink. It happens in a flash. It happens in the time it took to look back. I try to hold on tight, but there's no stopping time. What is it that I've done with my life?

May God from His grace, through His Son, in His word, by His Spirit recalculate our lives over and over again so that we walk carefully down the right paths to glorify His Name, build His kingdom, do His will and experience His joy to the fullest with what time we have left.

Let's Pray...

*Heavenly Father, whatever place we are at this morning, we need Your help to get to the place You want us to be. We will miss opportunities and misunderstand Your Word and misuse our time and take missteps in our walk unless You give us the grace that is needed to get these things right. So, we call upon You today knowing that You are generous and wise and powerful and able and willing, and we ask for Your Spirit to work in us this morning and this week so we can live purpose-filled, joy-filled lives to the praise and glory of Your Name. Help some in this room to take this opportunity to put their faith in Jesus, and prompt others to take opportunities to do whatever You have put on their hearts. We pray this in Jesus' Name, amen.*

## Reflection Questions

1. What stood out to you from this message as most meaningful? Why?
2. What was the central idea or theme from this message?
3. What Bible verses or passages were used, and how do they support the message?
4. How does this message relate to your life right now?
5. In what ways did this message convict, encourage or inspire you?
6. What good news did you receive in this message?
7. What did you learn about God that is praiseworthy in this message?
8. How was grace and the gospel presented in this message?
9. What do you think God wants you to do as a response to this message?
10. With whom do you need to share or discuss this message?

### PRAY IT

- *God, I praise you because...*
- *I confess that I struggle with...*
- *I thank you for...*
- *Please help me...*

## Free Resource: Your Place In His-Story

Each morning when I get up, I know what my purpose is.

It doesn't matter what day it is. It doesn't matter what is on the schedule. It doesn't matter what happens unexpectedly.

Regardless of what I do or who I am with or where we go or how the day unfolds, by the grace of God I can live out my purpose. This is my *"personal mission statement"* ...

*I exist to know Jesus and make Him known  
so that God is honored in us and we are happy in Him.*

That's what I'm after in everything I do. An honored God and happy people.

Having this *"personal mission statement"* helps me to stay focused on living with real purpose.

*SIDEBAR: A personal mission statement is simply a short summary of why you exist, and for Christians, it is biblically-based so it is grounded in unchanging truth rather than on trendy cultural cues. It should be specific enough that you can know you are accomplishing it and general enough that you can accomplish it in everything you do.*

If you're interested in learning more about your own purpose and creating a short sentence to live out, get a free copy of my 26-page ebook, *Your Place In His-Story*.

You can download it for free at JimmyBrown.com. The direct link is

<https://www.jimmybrown.com/downloads/Your-Place-In-His-Story.pdf>

Creating your own *"personal mission statement"* serves as an ongoing reminder that how you spend your time matters and to spend your time on what matters.

Your life is important.

Your life has a purpose.

Your life has a place in His-Story.

## Connecting With Me

If you have questions about any of the enclosed material, or if you have any other questions about life with Jesus, please reach out to me by using the *Contact* form at the bottom of the page at *JimmyBrown.com* (making sure you enter your email address correctly). I will personally reply back to you, usually within 24 hours (excluding holidays or weekends).

*NOTE: There are a number of free resources available at [www.JimmyBrown.com](http://www.JimmyBrown.com), and I regularly add more to the site. Check back often for additional materials to access at no cost.*

### Other Connections

- Social media (personal page): [www.Facebook.com/thejimmydbrown/](http://www.Facebook.com/thejimmydbrown/)
- Daily devotions: [www.FinishLineFaith.com](http://www.FinishLineFaith.com) or [www.Facebook.com/FinishLineFaith/](http://www.Facebook.com/FinishLineFaith/)
- Travel / mission vlog (with my wife, Paula): [www.TheMissionAmerica.com](http://www.TheMissionAmerica.com)

*If this resource has been helpful to you, please reach out and let me know.  
And please pass this document on to other people who may, by the grace of God, be helped too.*