



THE BREAKING OF DAY

What Is My Purpose?

When it comes to finding out “what in the world” you were made to do, you have probably asked that question on more than one occasion. I, too, have thought about that in my lifetime. Are you willing to admit that that is your question? I admit that it was mine too, at one point, but what I am sharing today is that it took more than just asking the question to get my answer. What comes to mind now is Abraham. Abraham was a pioneer; pioneers are always a breed apart because they venture into uncharted territory. Think about this: Abraham had no Bible, no church, no pastor, no cell group, no self-help group, no internet, no 12-step guide. Yet, he ventured into unknown places and had experiences like no other. He experienced the wonderful knowledge of finding God’s purpose for his life...but the struggle was real.

His prominence in the Bible is evident by how much time is devoted to sharing his story and the references to his life even in the New Testament. For example, on 3 times, he is called God’s friend. That’s right! God’s FRIEND. That’s what I want to be called. What about you? In the first book of the New Testament, Matthew, the genealogy of Christ is traced back to its spiritual beginning... ABRAHAM. What a man!

In the Word, Moses is the great law-giver. David is the great King. Elijah is the great old testament prophet. You can never be the Greatest of All Times like these great men of God. You can; however, be like Abraham. You can be God’s friend by finding His purpose for your life and maxing it out!

4 Steps for Finding God's Purpose 4 Your Life

1. **Activate when you hear God's voice.** Simply: Don't ignore it. Just do it! Genesis 12:1-5
2. **Communicate with God.** Genesis 12:6-9

When Abraham gets to Canaan, he faces a surprise. There were Canaanites in the land. People were occupying his promise. The Canaanites represented opposition to the purpose. What I have discovered is that anytime God's purposes are revealed in my life, they come with great opposition. Seeing the Canaanites, Abraham built an altar to the Lord. The altar represents sacrifice. Anytime we begin to search for God's purpose for our lives, there will be sacrifices to make. Finding God's purpose always requires sacrificing ourselves to God as a living sacrifice. This means we have to find a suitable place where we can be alone with God, our own altar, to seek, seek, and seek Him.

Things were not working out like Abraham thought they should, so he began to pray intensely. When we follow God's word and will, we expect everything to be hunky dory, but that is not the case. Sometimes, when we are obeying God the best we can, our lives become more difficult rather than less. I know this to be true in my own personal life. There have been many times when I have had to continue to press forward in my struggles...even when no one knew I met a struggle. I have come to realize that when we are fulfilling God's purpose in our life, we have to spend some time in the desert. I remember going through a literal desert in Nevada...what a *really* dry place.

3. Anticipate Problems.

Sometimes, we put the great heroes of faith on pedestals of perfection. This is contrary to how they are described by God. The Holy Spirit tells the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. His great saints had serious problems. He tells about Noah's getting drunk, Sampson's weakness for women, and David's adultery. The key is true repentance and walking in deliverance.

4. Expect God to Discipline You.

God tells us that those He loves, He chastens. Abraham goes to Egypt; seeming to ignore God's purpose for his life, and then lies about his wife. In the midst of the sin, God does not forsake him (and He won't forsake you either) but intervened by causing Pharaoh's house to be disrupted. Given the right circumstances, none of us are beyond any kind of sin. Don't provoke, but trust God.

This month, my prayer is that this will be a time of rededication, rekindling and refocusing. One of the wonderful things about God is that when we get off course, he does not forsake us. Let us focus on returning to our first love. At the beginning of this Consecration, I am asking any of you that are walking with me through this time of dedication to, abstain from all carbonated beverages, tea, coffee, and sugar. We will take pork off of our diet for the entire month. Remember, whatever we take off, we do not reintroduce it to ourselves until the end of Consecration. Drink 100% juice at lunchtime and water anytime. We will be here on Mondays @ 7PM for prayer & Fridays @ 7:30 PM.