

**Campus Church of Christ Jail Ministry**  
**Series 1: Lesson #1**  
**“What on Earth Am I Here For”, Part A**  
**from *The Purpose Driven Life*<sup>1</sup>**

**Day 1: It all starts with God, not me!**

**Prayer focus:** “Father, as I begin this journey, help me to realize that building my life around myself instead of you will only lead to emptiness and meaninglessness. I was made by you and for you, and I want to discover my purpose in you.” (2 Day 1)

**Verse to remember:** Colossians 1:16

It’s \_\_\_\_\_ me!

I was born *by* God’s \_\_\_\_\_ and *for* His \_\_\_\_\_.

I can only discover my identity and \_\_\_\_\_ through a relationship with \_\_\_\_\_.

God had a \_\_\_\_\_ for me long before I was ever \_\_\_\_\_.

The purpose for my life fits into an \_\_\_\_\_ plan created by \_\_\_\_\_.

**More verses to study**

Job 12:10

Romans 8:6

Matthew 16:25

Ephesians 1:11

**To ponder:** It’s not about me!

In spite of all the advertising and worldly influences around me, how can I remind myself that life is really about living for God, not myself?

**Day 2: I am not an accident.**

**Prayer focus:** “God your plan is amazing. Thank you that I was custom-made for a reason. Help me to trust your wisdom in choosing my parents, race, background, gifts, and appearance.” (2 Day 2)

**Verse to remember:** Isaiah 44:2

God planned every \_\_\_\_\_; no one was born by \_\_\_\_\_.

Without God, life is \_\_\_\_\_ and there is no \_\_\_\_\_ for existing. Only with God does life have meaning and \_\_\_\_\_.

**More verses to study**

Psalms 138:8a

Psalms 139:15

Psalms 139:16

Acts 17:26

Ephesians 1:4

James 1:18

Isaiah 45:18

I John 4:8

Isaiah 46:3-4

**To ponder:** I am not an accident.

I know that God uniquely created me. What area of my personality, background, and physical appearance am I struggling to accept?

**Day 3: What drives my life?**

**Prayer focus:** "Father, I don't want my life to be driven by anything but love for you. Help me to center my life on your plan and purpose for me, and not worry about the expectations of others." (2 Day 3)

**Verse to remember:** Isaiah 26:3

We discover our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ only when God is the \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives.

Living with \_\_\_\_\_ is living with \_\_\_\_\_.

Some benefits of living with God as our frame of reference include:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

**More verses to study**

Genesis 4:12

Psalms 32:1

Job 5:2

I John 4:18

Matthew 6:24

Isaiah 49:4

Job 7:6

Job 7:16

Jeremiah 29:11

Ephesians 3:20

Proverbs 13:7

Isaiah 26:3

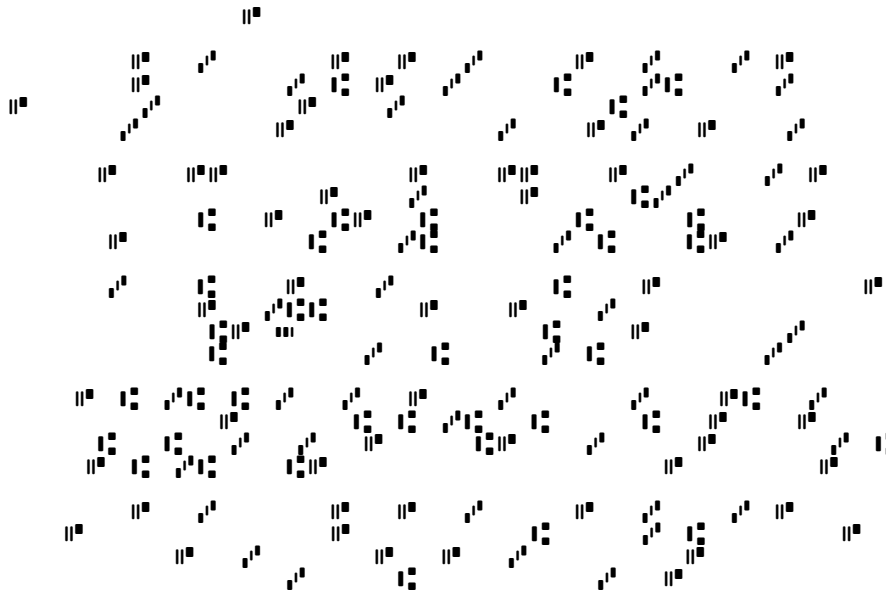
Ephesians 5:17

Philippians 3:13, 15

Romans 14:10b, 12

John 14:6

**To ponder:** Living on purpose is the path to peace.  
What would my family and friends say is the driving force of my life? What do I want it to be?



**References:**

- <sup>1</sup> Warren, Rick. *The Purpose Driven Life*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2002.
- <sup>2</sup> Warren, Rick. *The Purpose Driven Life Prayer Journal*. Inspirio, 2002.

**Song Lyrics:** *My Task*

To love someone more dearly ev'ry day,  
To help a wand'ring child to find his way,  
To ponder o'er a noble tho't and pray,  
And smile when evening falls,  
And smile when evening falls,  
This is my task.

To follow truth as blind men long for light,  
To do my best from dawn of day till night,  
To keep my heart fit for His holy sight,  
And answer when He calls,  
And answer when He calls,  
This is my task.

An then my Savior by and by to meet,  
When faith hath made her task on earth complete,  
And lay my homage<sup>1</sup> at the Master's feet,  
Within the jasper<sup>2</sup> walls,  
Within the jasper walls,  
This crowns my task.

1 Special honor or respect shown or expressed publicly

2 an opaque form of quartz; red or yellow or brown or dark green in color; used for ornamentation or as a gemstone

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