

Campus Church of Christ Jail Ministry
Series 1: Lesson #4
“Planned for God’s Pleasure”, Part B
from *The Purpose Driven Life*¹

Key Points summary from previous lessons

- It is not about me!
- We were born *by* God’s purpose and *for* His purpose.
- God planned every person; no one was born by “accident”.
- We discover our meaning and purpose only when God is the reference point of our lives.
- Living with purpose is living with peace.
- Our lifetime on earth is only a moment of our lifetime in eternity.
- Life on earth is a dress rehearsal for eternity.
- My view of life determines how I will live my life.
- Life on earth is both a test and a trust.
- Life on earth is a temporary assignment.
- It is all for Him!
- We were created by God for His pleasure.
- Anything we do that brings glory and pleasure to God is worship.
- If we do not worship God, we will worship something else.
- Worship is a result of being in love with Jesus.
- Worship is not a part of your life; it IS your life.
- Five ways to worship God that please Him:
 - Love Him.
 - Trust Him.
 - Obey Him.
 - Praise and thank Him.
 - Be ourselves.

Day 10: The Heart of Worship

What does it mean to surrender to God? _____

_____ is at the _____ of worship.

Three things that can keep me from surrendering to God are:

1. _____

2. _____
3. _____

Three things that result from my surrender to God are:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Prayer focus: "Dear Loving Father, when I think of all you've done for me, I want to surrender all my life to your will. I want to give up my need to control things and trust in you instead. Help me to hold back nothing from you today." (2 Day 10)

Verse to remember: Romans 6:13b (TEV)
Surrender your whole being to him to be used for righteous purposes."

Other verses to study:

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| 1 John 4:9-10, 19 | Rom. 12:1 | Psalm 145:9 |
| Psalm 139:3 | Matthew 10:30 | 1 Tim. 6:17 |
| Jeremiah 29:11 | Psalm 86:5 | Psalm 145:8 |
| Romans 5:8 | Genesis 3:5 | Luke 5:5 |
| Psalm 37:7 | Matthew 6:22, 24 | Mark 14:36 |
| Job 22:21 | Romans 6:17 | Joshua 5:13-15 |
| Luke 1:38 | James 4:7 | Rom. 12:1 |
| 2 Corinthians 5:9 | Philippians 4:13 | 1 Corinthians 15:31 |
| Luke 9:23 | | |

Focus Point: The heart of worship is surrender.

To reflect on: What area of my life am I holding back from God?

Day 11: Becoming Best Friends with God

"Knowing and loving God is our greatest _____, and being known and loved (by us) is God's greatest _____." (p. 87)

God **wants** to be my _____.

I develop my friendship with God by:

1. Communicating with Him through
 - a) continuous _____ and
 - b) meditating on His _____.

The more we _____ on God's Word, the less opportunity there is for tempting thoughts or worry to enter our mind.

Our goal is to "achieve the reality that God is always present" which is the lifestyle of _____.

Prayer focus: "Jesus, forgive me for being too busy to develop a friendship with you. I want to develop a running dialogue, a continual conversation with you throughout the day." (² Day 11)

Verse to remember: Psalm 25:14a (LB)

Friendship with God is reserved for those who reverence him.

Other verses to study:

John 13:13	Jude 1:4	Psalm 95:6
Psalm 136:3	1 John 3:1	Psalm 89:26
Isaiah 33:22	Isaiah 47:4	Exodus 33:22,17
2 Chronicles 20:7	Isaiah 41:8	James 2:23
Acts 13:22	Genesis 6:8	Genesis 5:22
Job 29:4	Romans 5:11	2 Corinthians 5:18
2 Corinthians 13:14	1 John 1:3	1 Corinthians 1:9

John 15:15	John 3:29	Exodus 34:14
Acts 17:26-27	Jeremiah 9:24	1 Thessalonians 5:17
Ephesians 4:6	Psalm 23:4	Psalm 143:5
Psalm 145:5	Joshua 1:8	Psalm 1:2
1 Samuel 3:21	Job 23:12	Psalm 119:97
Psalm 77:12	Genesis 18:17	Daniel 2:19
1 Corinthians 2:7-10	Psalm 25:14	

Focus point: God wants to be my best friend.

To ponder: What can I do to remind myself to think about God and talk to him more often throughout the day?

Day 12: Developing Your Friendship with God

To be my best friend, God also expects me to:

1. be completely _____.
2. _____ Him in faith.
3. choose to _____ what He _____.
4. make my relationship with Him my highest _____.

What does God value the most? _____

Prayer focus: "Jesus, I want a deeper relationship with you. Help me to be completely honest with my feelings and my faults. Nothing matters more than my relationship to you." (2 Day 12)

Verse to remember: James 4:8a (NLT)

Draw close to God, and God will draw close to you.

Other verses to study:

Matthew 11:19	Job. 42:7	Exodus 33:1-17
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Psalm 142:2-3

John 15:14

John 15:9-11

1 Samuel 15:22

Matthew 3:17

2 Corinthians 11:2

Psalm 69:9

Psalm 27:4

Psalm 63:3

1 Timothy 6:21

Genesis 32:26

Philippians 3:10

Jeremiah 29:13

Focus point: I'm as close to God as I choose to be.

To ponder: What practical choices will I make today in order to grow closer to God?

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Conclusion

When it comes to a relationship with God, what are my 2 choices, and what is the eternal consequence for each choice? _____

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References:

¹ Warren, Rick. **The Purpose Driven Life.** Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2002.

² Warren, Rick. **The Purpose Driven Life Prayer Journal.** Inspirio, 2002.
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Song Lyrics: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear;
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer.
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus know our every weakness:
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise for sake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

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