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He rescued me because He delighted in me. Ps 18:19b

# THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: Jesus said to the disciples, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to accomplish His work..." John 4:34

# What's Your Purpose in Life? From the Archives, June 2020

In 2001, Dutch Sheets' book, "How To Pray for Lost Loved Ones," was released. In it, he tells this story: "An executive hirer, a 'head-hunter' who goes out and hires corporate executives for other firms, once told Josh McDowell, "When I get an executive that I'm trying to hire for someone else, I like to disarm him. I offer him a drink, take my coat off, then my vest, undo my tie, throw up my feet and talk about baseball, football, family, whatever, until he's all relaxed. I lean over, look him square in the eye, and say, 'What's your purpose in life?' It's amazing how top executives fall apart at that question."

So, what is your purpose in life as a Christ-follower? I remember in my grade school catechism class, the question was asked, "Why did God make you?" The answer was to love, honor, and serve Him. We show our love to God by our obedience to Him. Jesus said, "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments." Jn 14:15. According to CompellingTruth.org "To honor God means to give Him the regard, respect, reverence, admiration, adoration, awe, praise, submission, and obedience which are due to Him." In an article by John Piper as shared on desiringgod.org, serving God—"It means to do what He says in a way that makes Him look supremely valuable in Himself. It means to submit to Him in a way that makes Him look thrilling." In the end, boiled down, we should all want to know and accomplish His will for our lives.

That means, though, that we don't do just enough to get into the gates of heaven and then cruise either until we die or Jesus comes back. We all have a destiny in Christ, customdesigned specifically for each of us to accomplish while here on earth. Paul described it this way in Philippians 3:11-12, "...in order that I may attain to the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have already obtained it, or have already become perfect, but I press on in order that I may apprehend all that for which I was apprehended by Christ Jesus."

So, then, my purpose becomes discovering those tasks, services, goals, etc. and completing them, which help in establishing the kingdom of God here on earth. So, I ask again: What is your purpose in life?

### **Responses From You**

From a pastor in the SW USA: Thank you for sharing your testimony and your story. Thank you for being vulnerable and for being open to the Holy Spirit. I am still on my journey and continuing to seek healing. I am currently still a pastor, although, I have sought other employment. Since I started on this journey of healing, my headaches have disappeared as well, praise the Lord! God bless you and thanks for all you do.

From a brother here in Louisville: Hi Daniel, Your newsletter reminded me of the age old question, "Why do bad things happen to good people?" Recently I heard a recording by Mark Lowry, and he said, "God allows it because more oil flows from broken vessels." Broken people (all of us) who have found their healing in Christ are able to minister to other broken people because of life experiences in this fallen world. I hope that also speaks to you and is an encouragement for your ministry.

From a brother in Lexington, KY: Daniel, What an amazing testimony! A great reminder that we can be overcomers regardless of our past.

From an OH pastor: Powerful, Daniel! Your vulnerability has, and will continue, to minister to many others whom God puts in your path. May He use you to snatch many more from the snares of death!

From a local Mom: Hi Mr. Mingo, It has been a long time since I attended your family and friends group. Will you remind me of the address and time it begins? I plan to attend April 19tth.

From a prayer warrior in Louisville: Daniel, Thanks for sharing your story. We all have our stories. Many we choose to not share, or only share in very selective circumstances. The LORD continue to direct your steps.

#### **Upcoming Ministry Meetings**

Overcomers Group: Thursday, April 28, 2022; Thursday, May 12, 2022; Thursday, May 26, 2022 Family & Friends Group: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 CANCELED for Election Primaries Day; Tuesday May 17, 2022; Tuesday, May 31, 2022

# **Ongoing Prayer Requests**

New Participants for Overcomers Group • New members for our Family & Friends Group (especially wives) • Ministry Finances • Open doors to churches, so pastor and staff can be effectively equipped • Those currently being served by Abba's Delight ministry, both Overcomers and Family & Friends • Continued freedom to operate ministry in Kentucky • Smooth establishment of new network, Transformation Ministries Alliance

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Now unto Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority before all time and now and forever. Amen. Jude 24-25