

Huddle

Ordered—Significant
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What do you most enjoy doing?

In this series, Pastor Phil has taken us on a journey of discovering how God orders our lives.

Sovereign & Provident - God is Sovereign; which means He has the right to do whatever He wants. Nothing happens without His direction or permission; nothing takes Him by surprise. By providence He divinely intervenes within natural law to direct all things toward a worthy purpose.

Ps 37:23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, And He delights in his way. 31 The law of his God is in his heart; None of his steps shall slide. NKJV

Purpose - God is not random. He has created each of us for a specific purpose! And He will reveal to us the secrets to make His purpose succeed in our lives.

Isaiah 43:7 Everyone who is called by My name, Whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him." NKJV

"May your eyes look forward and your gaze be straight before you. May the path of your foot be balanced and all your ways be sure. Do not swerve right or left; remove your foot from evil" (Prov 4:25–27).

What has God been speaking to you about His purpose for your life?

Proverbs 23:19 My child, listen and be wise: Keep your heart on the right course. NLT

The devil will always be trying to get you out of the place God has given to you. He will try to take you out of your anointing, your calling, your joy, your peace, your ministry, your church etc. He does this through distractions. Whatever takes us away from God and His purpose, is a distraction, no matter how good it might look or how spiritual it might sound.

Satan's number-one objective is to destroy our joy of faith. We have one offensive weapon: the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God (Eph. 6:17). But what many Christians fail to realize is that we can't draw the sword from someone else's scabbard. If we don't wear it, we can't wield it. If the Word of God does not abide in us (Jn. 15:7), we will reach for it in vain when the enemy strikes. But if we do wear it, if it lives within us, what mighty warriors we can be! ..The Word of God cuts through the fog of Satan's lies and shows me where true and lasting happiness is to be found. And so the Word helps me stop trusting in the potential of sin to make me happy, and instead entices me to trust in God's promise of joy (Psm. 16:11). **John Piper**

That brings us to what we are doing as a church family.
If Bethel were not in our community what would the impact be and why?

Called - Have you ever said "Yes, I know God has a plan but how do I find it and what do I do?"

Jeremiah 1:5 Before I formed you in the womb I knew [and] approved of you [as My chosen instrument], and before you were born I separated and set you apart, consecrating you; [and] I appointed you as a prophet to the nations. AMP

Finding what you are good at or what you have a natural or "God-given" ability to do well, is an important key in finding your purpose. You find it by:

- Offering yourself to God for His use
- Don't conform to the world but be transformed by God
- Realize failure is often the main key to success
- Use and develop the gifts God has given you; start now

What has happened as you have offered yourself to God?

Fulfilling Your Destiny - John the Baptist was a unique person called by God for a unique time in history, just like each of us. He vividly illustrates we have been put here to be a redemptive voice. Sometimes our voice is dimmed through distractions.

- Misplaced goals
- Wrong relationships
- Ungodly affections / out of balance living
- Confused expectations, voices

How have you been distracted?

Let's Get Real!

Specifically, what potential would God have through you if you joyfully trusted in His Word and promises?

2 Chronicles 21:16 And the Lord stirred up against Jehoram the anger of the Philistines and of the Arabs .. 17 They came against Judah, invaded it, and carried away all the possessions found in and around the king's house, together with his sons and his wives; so there was not a son left to him except Jehoahaz, the youngest. 18 And after all this, the Lord smote [Jehoram] with an incurable intestinal disease.

19 In process of time, after two years, his bowels fell out because of his disease. So he died in severe distress. And his people made no funeral fire to honor him, like the fires for his fathers. 20 Thirty-two years old was Jehoram when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years, and departed without being wanted. Yet they buried him in the City of David, but not in the tombs of the kings. AMP

Is your life significant? If you were not here, would it really matter? How does your life count?

Satan wants to keep us from the incredible God-calling on our life! Research of people over 90 says they wish they had reflected more, risked more, done more to leave a legacy.

Walk it Out

How can you join with our church family to do more to impact our community?