Fulfilling God's Purpose for You

Who are we? God speaks about our identity, revealing aspects of ourselves that we can hardly comprehend. God has dreams for each and every one of us. God's thoughts on us are as vast as the countless sand grains on an ocean beach. God created us as a masterpiece, a unique, beautiful, and excellent poem. God dreams for us to fulfill the purpose of what He created us to be. Two weeks ago, we discussed that our potential is far greater than we can imagine. The Bible affirms that we are created amazingly. Therefore, God's dream for each and every one of us is incredibly vast, great, amazing, and magnificent!

When God reveals your true purpose of life, pray about it, be advised by faithful people and seek God's confirmations again. If yes, ye should follow God to fulfill it. With faith, take a step towards what God guides you towards in the future! If God tells you you're a warrior, then participate in Judo or Taekwondo classes concretely. Observe how God responds to your actions. This process helps shape our inner maturity and Christlikeness as children of God.

Thanks to Jesus' sacrifice, we were restored to our identity as children of God, who demonstrate God's presence to the world, where God is invisible. Spiritual purpose of our lives is to embody God's image in words, emotions, and thoughts. In this way, our lives are set on the glorious path toward Christlikeness too. God shapes and molds us both ways.

What we love to do! With firm faith in the Lord, we follow God's guiding light toward the fulfillment of our true selves. Have you ever heard of the voice of God as revealed in the Bible? Do we perceive the voice of God through the Bible, the living Word of God, through another person, through nature, through the still small voice, or through the gentle nudging of our hearts? Yes, undoubtedly! God can utilize any communication channel to connect with us and let us know that God is speaking at the moment. This revelation allows us to comprehend the goodness, gentleness, and awe-inspiring nature of God, which ultimately leads us to love and worship the Lord. We are inherently created to love and worship the Lord with all our hearts. In Love and Adoration, the power and wisdom of God flow into our being, empowering us to become the beings we were meant to be.

What does God want you to do? You are designed in the heart of God and created in your mother's womb. There is a purpose behind your design. If there is a purpose in God's creation, there is a destiny that it needs to fulfill. God's dream for you is far greater than anything you can imagine or dream of.

Did you choose your own dream, or did someone else impose one on you? God doesn't bless every dream you have. Instead, God blesses when you follow God's dream, which is infinitely better than any dream you could come up with on your own.

When I was a child, I had a dream of becoming a professor at a university. It seemed like a great path to me! However, when God called me in a mysterious way to serve as a servant of God, I couldn't understand it. At that time, there were no women serving as a pastor in Korea. Despite this, I continued pursuing my dream of becoming a professor. As I grew into a young adult, I felt a constant burden in my heart. Regardless of what I did, I could not find my way. I knew that they were not the way God had planned for me. It gave me heavy pressure and confusion on my way. Humans are created to be so, because God placed truth deep inside you and me. I never thought of becoming a pastor.

In a vision, I encountered a timeless being, God. God spoke to me, "You serve me with your entire being." At that moment, the weight of my burdens and the unanswered questions in my heart vanished. I felt my spiritual body radiating like a golden glow! I realized that I could not live any other way except in accordance with my calling. I knew that I must return to the seminary and embark on a new journey that I had never imagined.

God created humans to communicate with His truth. If you don't respond to this inherent call, there's a heavy burden in your hearts. Jeremiah 29:11 states, "I know the plans I have for you... plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." God initiates conversations about our destiny, and we respond. Following God's dream is infinitely more rewarding than attaining anything you could dream on your own. It strengthens your faith, deepens your courage, and builds you character, it stretches your imagination, expands your horizon and broadens your perspective, it clarifies your priorities, shapes your thinking, and focuses your energy. It reveals something new of the wonder and glory of God.

Now think about yourself! Whose dream did you live? Or do you live? Yours? Your father and mother's? Or God's?

The parable of minas, found in <u>Luke 19:11-27</u>, recounts the story of a nobleman who entrusted each of his ten servants with a mina (a sum of money) and instructed them to invest it while he was away, seeking to establish a kingdom. Upon his return, he evaluated their profits and rewarded them accordingly. The servant who invested and earned ten times more was entrusted with the responsibility of ruling ten cities, while the servant who earned five times more was given the task of ruling five cities. In contrast, the servant who failed to invest the mina and instead set it aside was rebuked. The mina was then taken away and given to the servant who possessed ten minas.

This story clearly emphasizes the importance of reporting to the Lord how we have used the gifts and talents bestowed upon us. Have we utilized these gifts for the glory of God and for the benefit of others? Or have we neglected them, following our own desires, those of others?

What are your thoughts on the concept that the reward for obedience was increased responsibilities? You might wonder if that would mean more work, saying, 'Well, I'm in retirement now, and I did my best! No more!' This kind of thought might be usual in the world.

However, in the Kingdom, serving responsibly is a life-giving one. By owning our assignments and fully dedicating ourselves to them for God's glory, we are replenished with strength, which fosters a sense of identity and strong purpose. You'll keep at it until you receive a response. It's the life in the Lordship of Jesus, the glorious King, where we learn to move in the Holy Spirit through absolute obedience.

To fulfill God's dream means to focus on your life's calling. It means to dedicate every aspect of your life—time, talents, treasures, relationships, past, present, and future—to God's purpose. Exchange your agenda with His. Release control of your life to Him. Paul said, "My life is worthless to me unless I use it to complete the work assigned to me by the Lord Jesus." (Acts 20:24) It is a life that is laid down as an offering and a sacrifice. I yearn for that life.

I don't want my life to be lost in the chaotic whirlwind of a crazy life. Instead, I want to listen and follow the still small voice, or sometimes the thunderous voice that speaks to me. I want to seriously and sincerely pursue this voice daily, in every decision and every movement of my life guided by the Holy Spirit.

And I hear the song of love from the Lord in my heart. I hear the laughter and joy of the Lord. I am in God; God is in me. In this, I know my life's lost time is redeemed. The joy is increased. The worry disappears because the Almighty, powerful God of love is surely with me.

Nothing is more important than fulfilling God's dream for you. What is the purpose behind your being? There you have inner joy from satisfaction and fulfillment of life.

If your self-perception, your view of what's possible, and you're afraid to pursue the divine dream, then stay with God. Focus on His presence and worship the Lord. Let your heart focus to the reality of heaven, and almighty God. With faith, wait on God as <u>Isaiah</u> wrote in his book <u>40:31: "They who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."</u> Heavenly power will be released to you.

When God speaks to you, he comes to you from the future already knowing who you are and who you will be. Listen to him. He talks to you today because he knows the end from the beginning, and he is going to bring you that outcome into your present.

Whose dream are you living? God's dream? Yours? Or Other people's?