

God's Purposes for Us Through Scripture

He wants us to know Him, so He gave us the story of creation.

He wants us to know ourselves, so He gave us the story of Adam and Eve.

He wants us to watch out for the evil one, so He told us about the snake in the garden.

He wants us to be set apart for Him and choose Him as Our Rescuer, so He gave us the story of Noah.

He wants us to have hope and security, so He gave us the story of the rainbow promise.

He wants us to believe Him, to have faith in Him, so He gave us the story of Abraham.

He wants to know He is the God who sees and cares, so He gave us Hagar.

He wants us to be righteous, so He gave us the story of Sodom and Gomorrah.

He wants us to trust Him when circumstances don't make sense, so He gave us the story of Joseph.

He wants us to forgive, so he gave us the lives of Joseph and his brothers.

He wants us to trust Him when He asks us to do something, so He gave us Moses.

He wants to lead our lives, so He gave us the story of Exodus.

He wants us to see His holiness, so He gave us Leviticus.

He wants us to walk with Him in our daily lives, so He gave us Deuteronomy and Numbers.

He wants us to become warriors, so He gave us the book of Joshua.

He wants us to leave our destructive habits of sin, so He gave us the book of Judges.

He wants us to depend solely on Him, so He gave us Gideon.

He wants us to know He will come for us and claim us, so He gave us Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz, their kinsman redeemer.

He wants us to pour out our hearts in prayer, so He gave us Hannah.

He wants us to understand the strength of reform and the reward of obedience, so He gave us the Judean godly kinds.

He wants us to confront evil influences directly, so He gave us Elijah.

He wants us to know more are with us than with them, so He gave us Elisha.

He wants us to understand intimacy with God, so He gave us David.

He wants us to understand revival, so He gave us Ezra and Nehemiah.

He wants us to understand risk and beauty, so He gave us Esther.

He wants us to seek Him when we suffer, so He gave us Job.

He wants us to worship honestly, so He gave us the Psalms.

He wants us to be wise, so He gave us Proverbs and Ecclesiastes.

He wants us to experience romance, so He gave us the Song of Songs.

He wants us to know God as Judge, Savior, and Restorer, so He gave us Isaiah.

He wants us to speak His word fearlessly to our culture, so He gave us Jeremiah.

He wants us to lament over sin, so He gave us Lamentations.

He wants us to wonder and experience mystery, so He gave us Ezekiel.

He wants us to be a light in other cultures, fearlessly and blamelessly following Him, so He gave us Daniel.

He wants us to know He is with us in the Fires of life, so He gave us the story of Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego.

He wants us to know the power of choices and consequences, so He gave us the prophets.

He wants us to experience His loving, committed heart toward us, so He gave us Hosea and Gomer.

He wants us to obey, even when we don't agree, so He gave us Jonah.

He wants us to be generous, so He gave us Malachi.

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He wants us to know His Son, so He gave us Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

He wants us to know others who follow Him, so He gave us the eclectic group of disciples.

He wants us to know Jesus came to restore, so He gave us the Samaritan woman.

He wants us to know we can go and sin no more, so He gave us the woman caught in adultery.

He wants us to be changed and show it, so He gave us Zaccheus.  
He wants us to be humble, devoted, and bold, so He gave us Peter.  
He wants us to know we can be whole again, so He gave us the demoniac from the graveyard of the Gerasenes.  
He wants us to have faith, so He gave us the bleeding woman.  
He wants us to truly see, so He gave us blind Bartimaeus.  
He wants us to be set free, so He gave us Mary Magdalene.  
He wants us to be humbly faithful, so He gave us young mother Mary.  
He wants us to bring our families to Jesus, so He gave us Andrew.  
He wants us to know true religion, so He gave us the Sadducees and Pharisees.  
He wants us to know righteous anger, so Jesus cleared the temple.  
He wants our entire lives, 100%, so He gave us Jesus on the cross.  
He wants us to know Him in our suffering, so Jesus went through trials, denials, & torture.  
He wants us to know the truth about His resurrection, so He gave us eyewitnesses at the scene.  
He wants us to know believing is a process, so He gave us the disciples locked in a room, afraid, yet later martyred for their faith.  
He wants us to keep the gospel moving around the world, so He gave us Acts.  
He wants to fill us up to do God's work, so He gave us His Holy Spirit.  
He wants to empower us in death, so He gave us Stephen.  
He wants us to testify about Him and live beyond ourselves, so He gave us Paul.  
He wants us to know that grace is more powerful than sin and law, so He gave us Romans.  
He wants us to know how to be a church in the midst of real life, so He gave us the letters to the Corinthians.  
He wants us to be free in grace, so He gave us Galatians.  
He wants us to know He will make us spiritual warriors, so He gave us the armor in Ephesians.  
He wants us to have joy, so He gave us Philippians.  
He wants us to live well in families, so He gave us Colossians.  
He wants us to know He is coming back for His own at the sound of a trumpet, so He gave us Thessalonians.  
He wants us to model our faith and fight the good fight, so He gave us letters to Timothy.  
He wants us to know what it looks like to behave well, so He gave us Titus.  
He wants us to be brothers no matter what our social position, so He gave us Philemon.  
He wants us to know Jesus is supreme, so He gave us Hebrews.  
He wants us to know our great cloud of witnesses, so He gave us the Faith Hall of Fame.  
He wants us to be practical, watch our tongues, and persevere in trials, so He gave us James.  
He wants us to know how to suffer as a Christian and how to watch in the last days, so He gave us letters from Peter.  
He wants us to know if we are truly Christians, so He gave us letters from John.  
He wants us to see the bigger picture's final scene, so He gave us Revelation.  
He wants us to know He is with us in isolation, so He gave us John on Patmos.  
He wants us to know He is involved, so He gave us the letters to the churches.  
He wants us to know there is a judgment, so He gave us the lake of fire and Babylon the Great.  
He wants us to know worship Him, so He gave us the Lamb on the throne.  
He wants us to know Him, so He gave us the Bible!

Suz Stelling, 9/18/2010 and 9/24/10, on the porch. Praise God!