

“You Were Born for Such a Time as This”

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Psalms 8:3-6 NKJV *“When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angel, and You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet.”*

- Your life is on purpose, you have to have that down in the very consciousness of your being. If you don't you will always struggle with insecurity and whether or not you have a destiny, you have to live with a big God in your consciousness.
- Light travels at the rate of 8,600 miles per minute, the sun is 93,000,000 miles from the earth. When light leaves the sun for it to hit the earth it takes approximately 8 minutes. This is the same amount of time it took Ps Rick to get from his house in Sunset Hills to the church which is in Sunset Hills. The next star, it takes the light from that star to the earth 4 years. To take light to get from one side of the galaxy to the next it take 186,000 years.
- There are over 100 billion stars in our galaxy alone, there are at least 100 billion galaxy in our system and many of them larger than our milky way galaxy.
- Ten Septillion stars in all the galaxies is just all that WE know of the universe. If we were to take and let light travel to the end of the universe it would take 10 billion years to get there.
- One thing about us now a days, is we think we know everything, but when you look away from man on the greatness of God.
- ***When you understand this, you realize that everyone on this earth has major significance. There's an immeasurable importance in your life.***
- A lot of times, people never meet all the potential because they don't realize the importance and magnitude of their lives.

Jeremiah 1:4-5 *“Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”*

- If God knew me before I was ever formed in my mother's womb that means:
 - 1) That I'm not here because Mom and Dad decided I should be here but God decided that I should be here.
- **Therefore there are no accidents in human beings!!** It might have been an "oops" on Mom and Dad's part but it wasn't an "oops" on God's part!!
- 2) It means God wanted me, He made me on purpose. I am wanted.
- 3) It means God likes me just the way I am.
- You do not need to be perfect before God will love you. God loves you just the way you are. **He loves you knowing who you are and everything you do.**
- So many people try to change themselves with plastic surgery because they don't like who they are, and after it's done they still don't like who they are.
- People are wired certain ways, Mom and Dad didn't do it, God did it. Ps Rick has 4 boys and all of them are wired differently.
- Don't ever tell God or anyone else that you wish you were wired differently, because God wired you that way and you're saying God did something wrong in you.
- You have to learn that God wires you this way for a purpose, ie Ps Rick's ADD qualities make him an amazing Preacher.
- **That doesn't mean you should be lazy with what God has put in you but exercise it and make your qualities the best they can be.**
- Quit not liking yourself the way you are.

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- To ordain means to put His hand on you and assigned you something. All of this happened before you were in your Mother's womb.
- **One thing that does is it lets me know when I go through season's of my life, when I feel abandoned or useless, I can trust the fact that God designed me for a purpose and destiny.**
- All of life exists on the conviction of purpose. People who remove God out of the equation instantly remove purpose out of the equation.
- Buddhism is about trying to remove all sense of desire, so that we can reduce the lowest level of pain and trouble. The problem with that is once you die you come to nothing. That's love and peace with no cost to it.
- **Life is not just about peace but it's about growing.** Keeping our eyes on the prize of the purpose God has set before us.
- It will take you through pain but once you go through that it makes the victory all the sweeter.

Psalm 139:5-16 "You have hedged me behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain it. Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, You are

there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me," even the night shall be light about me; indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, but the night shines as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to You. For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them."

- In life God puts a hedge on us, like gutters in a bowling alley. So when we get off track we hit a gutter so that we will be pushed back on to the track God has put us in the center of His path for our life.
- People ask how do I know what it is I'm supposed to do, God gives each of us shape.
- S – Spiritual gifts
- H – Heart, what is it you want to do
- A – Ability, skills and talents and training.
- P – personality, what are you wired to do
- E – Experience, what have you experienced in your life, good or bad.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."

- The comfort God gave you when you went through something is the comfort that God wants you to give others when you see someone else going through the same thing. God never wastes a hurt.

Romans 8:29-30 "For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified."