



FREEDOM FOR MEN • New Heart • New Mind • New Life
Trusted, experienced, faith-based men helping men find hope and freedom!

Chapter 13. Maintaining your freedom.

Week 50: How God uses your failures to develop empathy, a new life and give you a new PURPOSE.

Video: The Chosen, Jesus on the Water

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Word of the Week: Purpose

Theme verse: *Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged.* – Hebrews 6:17-18

Theme Quote: “The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson

John Eldredge: “There are a lot of good men out there who just need a little direction and leadership in order for them to offer what they have to young men and boys.”

Questions: Have you found your purpose in life? Do you believe pain and suffering can lead to a good purpose? What are some examples, from your life, that reflect your understanding of purpose?

Highlight Video: Truth Is, Danny Gokey

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Word of the Week: Purpose

Dictionary:

noun

- the reason for which something exists or is done, made, used, etc.
- an intended or desired result; *end; aim; goal*.
- determination; resoluteness.
- the subject in hand; the point at issue.
- practical result, effect, or advantage: *to act to good purpose*.

verb

- to set as an aim, intention, or goal for oneself.
- to intend; *design*.
- to resolve (to do something): *He purposed to change his way of life radically*.
- to have a purpose.

Quotes: “The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.” – Pablo Picasso

“If you can’t figure out your purpose, figure out your passion. For your passion will lead you right into your purpose.” – T. D. Jakes

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“When you discover your mission, you will feel its demand. It will fill you with enthusiasm and a burning desire to get to work on it.”
– W. Clement Stone

“People who use time wisely spend it on activities that advance their overall purpose in life.” – John C. Maxwell

“Grief is accepting the reality of what is. That is grief’s job and purpose, to allow us to come to terms with the way things really are, so that we can move on. Grief is a gift of God. Without it, we would all be condemned to a life of continually denying reality, arguing or protesting against reality, and never growing from the realities we experience.”
– Henry Cloud

Bible: Exodus 9:16

But I have raised you up for this very **purpose**, that I might show you my power and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.

Job 42:2

I know that you can do all things; no **purpose** of yours can be thwarted.

Proverbs 19:21

Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's **purpose** that prevails.

Proverbs 20:5

The **purposes** of a person's heart are deep waters, but one who has insight draws them out.

Isaiah 14:24

The Lord Almighty has sworn, "Surely, as I have planned, so it will be, and as I have **purposed**, so it will happen.

Jeremiah 23:20

The anger of the Lord will not turn back until he fully accomplishes the **purposes** of his heart. In days to come you will understand it clearly.

Acts 13:36

Now when David had served God's **purpose** in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed.

Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his **purpose**.

Romans 9:17

For Scripture says to Pharaoh: "I raised you up for this very **purpose**, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth."

Romans 9:20-21

But who are you, a human being, to talk back to God? "Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this? Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for special **purposes** and some for common use?"

1 Corinthians 3:8

The one who plants and the one who waters have one **purpose**, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor.

2 Corinthians 5:5

Now the one who has fashioned us for this very **purpose** is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

Ephesians 1:9-11

He made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he **purposed** in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the **purpose** of his will.

Philippians 2:13

For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good **purpose**.

2 Timothy 1:9

He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own **purpose** and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time.

2 Timothy 2:19-21

Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord **must** turn away from wickedness." In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special **purposes** and some for common use. Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special **purposes**, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.

Hebrews 6:17-20

Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his **purpose** very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged. We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.