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WHY ARE YOU HERE?

DISCOVER THE JOY OF LIVING IN LINE WITH GOD'S PURPOSE!

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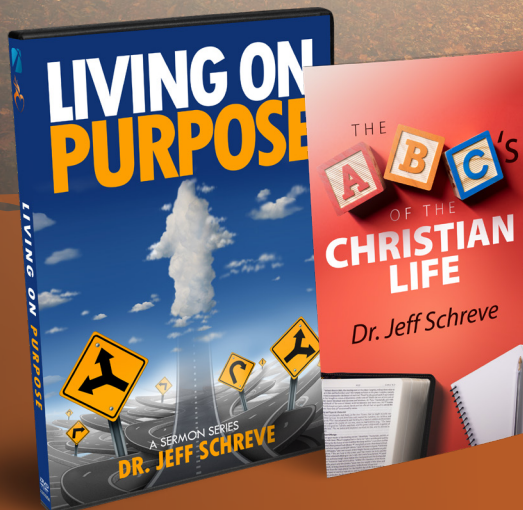
Why am I here? It's an age-old question that great thinkers and philosophers have debated for centuries. In general, there are two kinds of wrong answers the world offers to this profound question.

The first is that you're simply here *by chance*. You're just a byproduct of the evolutionary process with no greater significance or meaning.

The second wrong answer is that the point of your life is simply to *enjoy yourself*. That's not a new idea. In fact, the godless hedonism of our day echoes that of Isaiah's day, when the people said, "*Let's eat and drink, for tomorrow we may die!*" (Isaiah 22:13).

As a follower of Jesus Christ, you know that both these answers are blatantly wrong. Instead, Scripture makes it crystal clear why you and I exist at all:

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**DISCOVER HOW TO
FILL YOUR LIFE WITH
PURPOSE AND JOY!**

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*“Bring My sons from afar, and My daughters from the ends of the earth, everyone who is called by My name, and **whom I have created for My glory** ...”*
(Isaiah 43:6–7).

Yes, the reason you’re here ... the reason you exist ... the reason God is giving you each breath even as you read these words ... **is for His glory!**

This is your ultimate purpose: to bring God glory. And here are two ways it plays out in your life and mine.

First, you bring God glory by loving Him. And that’s only possible when you begin to grasp just how much He loves you! As 1 John 4:19 says, *“We love, because He first loved us.”*

Second, you bring God glory by letting your light shine. As you become aware of God’s incomparable love for you, that love will overflow from you towards others, so that people *“may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven”* (Matthew 5:16).

I pray that you’ll continue to grow in your understanding of your life’s purpose—so you can live each day with eternal significance. To God be the glory!

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Q&A *with* PASTOR JEFF

Q: Pastor Jeff, I want to live all out for Jesus, but I just feel so weighed down by past sins. How can I move forward in my faith?

A: The first step toward living for God’s glory is *repentance*. Like the prodigal son in Jesus’ parable in Luke 15, you need to make the decision to turn away from your sinful past (and present?) and head home to your Father. Remember, He’s not waiting to pounce on you or condemn you but to embrace you, restore you, and rejoice over you! You’ll move forward in your faith once you learn to rest in the extravagant grace of the Father rather than remaining in the squalor of your sin and self-centeredness.

Q: I feel like I have no direction in my life. How do I know what God’s purpose is for me?

A: The Bible doesn’t give you a minute-by-minute plan for your life or specific answers to the manifold dilemmas you face. Instead, God’s Word gives this broad principle to follow: *“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God”* (1 Corinthians 10:31). Make it your priority to glorify God each day in the place He’s put you by living surrendered to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. When you are yielding your will to His will, you can be sure you’re living in line with His will!



DISCOVER HOW TO MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT!

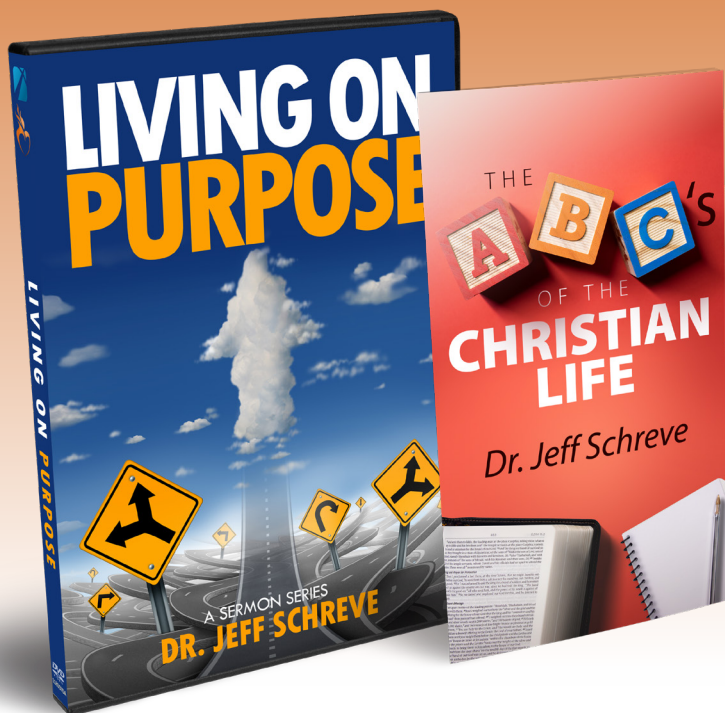
Dear Friend,

It's easy to drift through life with no real focus. So many people—including many Christians—draw their breath and draw their salary, all the while failing to see that their lives have eternal significance.

Surely, a purposeless life is not the life God intends for you. Instead, He wants you to know the joy that comes by living every day in the light of eternity.

This is the real truth I want you to grasp through my *Living on Purpose* series—which comes as my thanks for your gift above.

And right when you give, I'll also send you my *ABC's of the Christian Life* booklet. I pray they help you make each day count for eternity. Thank you for your gift to help others find God's purpose for their lives too!



Pastor Jeff

From Debbie's Heart: **ARE YOU DRIVEN BY DUTY OR JOY?**

I think we would all agree that God loves people. "Red and yellow, black and white... they are precious in His sight". But have you ever struggled with bringing that message home and knowing that God love YOU!

All too often we struggle with feeling that God loves us because we know us! We know our past sins, our past failings, and deep down we can really struggle with believing that God can love us.

That is a dangerous place to be—doubting God's love. It can leave us cold-hearted, serving Him out of a sense of duty and obligation, and just cause us to be cold-hearted.

But here is the reality—God loves us beyond what we can even imagine!

What we have to do is BELIEVE this whether we "feel" it or not!

We have to immerse ourselves in the truth of God's Word and have His truth guide us.

Here are a few verses that are great to meditate on: John 3:16, Romans 5:8, Romans 8: 35–39, 1 John 3:1.

When we believe God's word and live in the light of it, it transforms us and gives us purpose and joy.



A NOTE TO YOU *from Pastor Jeff*

Dear Friend,

There's a hymn I love to sing that goes,

*"All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him, trust Him, in His
presence daily live."*

But I have a confession to make. If I'm totally honest, sometimes my heart wants to sing, "Almost all to Jesus I surrender ..." There are times when I want to do what I want to do.

My guess is you're the same.

But here's the thing. If you and I want to bring God glory and live in line with His purposes, then we really do need to surrender all to Him. Here are three good reasons why you can do that with total confidence.

First, He is all-knowing. God sees everything in our lives from beginning to end. He knows the paths we should take.

Second, He is almighty. His power knows no limits. There's nothing He cannot do. He sits on the throne and rules the universe.

Third, He is all loving. His great love reminds us that His will is best for our lives. We can trust Him to lead us in the right paths of life because of His love for us. Surely, the God who loves us enough to die for us on the cross is worthy to be followed without reservation.

Therefore, in the words of the apostle Paul, *"I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship"* (Romans 12:1).

I pray you'll grow in your readiness to surrender all to Jesus as you meditate on these truths from His Word!



P.S. Thank you for helping others grow in Christ through your support for *From His Heart* Ministries—and be sure to request your copy of my 6-message *Living on Purpose* series when you give today. May God continue to be glorified in and through our partnership!

**YOU'RE
HELPING
PEOPLE LIKE
JOY "GROW
UP IN CHRIST"**

Your partnership makes it possible to share the real truth, real love, and real hope of God all around the world—helping believers like Joy live with purpose in Christ.

Joy says,

"I am a 76-year-old woman who discovered your online ministry during the pandemic. Your anointed ministry brings refreshing truth, offered with love and understanding. The Holy Spirit brings conviction where needed throughout your transparent sermons ... never condemnation—and isn't this a reflection of Christ and His profound love for us?"

"I continue to 'grow up in Christ,' even though I am a long-time believer and follower of our Lord. May you be greatly and abundantly blessed."

On behalf of Joy and all those who are blessed through your support, thank you!