

40 Weeks of Purpose

Week 2

You Are Not an Accident

POINT TO PRAY ABOUT FROM LAST WEEK:

It's not about me.

VERSE TO MEMORIZE LAST WEEK:

"All things were created through Him and for Him." – Colossians 1:16 NKJV

QUESTION TO CONSIDER LAST WEEK:

*With all of the advertising around me that speaks to our lusts and desires,
How can I remind myself that life really about living for God, and not myself?*

- You are not an accident
- Your parents may not have planned you... But God did!
- Long before you were conceived by your parents, you were conceived in the mind of God
- It is not fate, not chance, not luck and not coincidence that you are here and that you are who you are
- Psalm 138:8 NIV
 - 8) The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, O LORD, endures forever - do not abandon the works of your hands.
- God formed you and He wants to help you...
- Isaiah 44:2 ESV
 - 2) Thus says the LORD who made you, who formed you from the womb and will help you: Fear not, O Jacob my servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen.
- God knows everything about you, because He created you

- Even the parts that you are ashamed of, He knows are there

- Psalm 139:15 MSG

15) You know me inside and out, you know every bone in my body; You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit, how I was sculpted from nothing into something.

- God planned WHEN you would live also
- He planned when you were going to be born, and how long you would live
- He decided what kind of parents to give you to, and what social and economic groups to raise you in

- Psalm 139:16 NLT

16) You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

- God also decided where you were going to be born and your nationality

- Acts 17:26 NIV

26) From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live.

- Amazingly enough, it didn't matter to God what kind of parents you had, because He knew that He had the ability to bring you to where you are today
- There are Illegitimate Parents, but there are no Illegitimate Children
- God doesn't make mistakes

- He has a reason for everything He creates

- God's reason for creating you was to show His love

- Ephesians 1:4 MSG

4) Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love.

- Not only are we the focus of God's love, but we are the most important thing He made
 - We are His "First Fruits"

- James 1:18 ESV

18) Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of His creatures.

- This is amazing for us to think about...

- Frankly, we are not too comfortable with it

- We all believe that God is Perfect

- We all believe that He doesn't make mistakes

- We understand and agree that He has a "Purpose for Mankind"

- We just have a hard time personalizing that down to US

- We understand God's Plan:

- Isaiah 45:18 AMP

18) For thus says the Lord--Who created the heavens, God Himself, Who formed the earth and made it, Who established it and did not create it to be a worthless waste; He formed it to be inhabited--I am the Lord, and there is no one else.

- But, we have a hard time seeing ourselves in the role of being the immortalized saints that fill the Earth with His glory

- Why would God choose YOU?

- Because God wants to Love you...

- Why?

- Because God is a God of Love!

- **God made you so he could love you**

- God IS Love

- Not that God HAS Love, but God IS Love

- Look what God says to Isaiah:

• Isaiah 46:3-4 ESV

- 3) "Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been borne by me from before your birth, carried from the womb;
- 4) even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save.

• God does love us and care for us...

• That is the only accurate way to understand what is going on in this life

• Romans 12:3 MSG

- 3) I'm speaking to you out of deep gratitude for all that God has given me, and especially as I have responsibilities in relation to you. Living then, as every one of you does, in pure grace, it's important that you not misinterpret yourselves as people who are bringing this goodness to God. No, God brings it all to you. The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what he does for us, not by what we are or what we do for him.

• **The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what He does for us, not by what we are or what we do for Him.**

• You are not an accident

• You may feel like it sometimes, but you are NOT

• God created you for a purpose

• Stop defining yourself by what you feel, and start defining yourself by what God feels about you

POINT TO PRAY ABOUT THIS WEEK:

You are not an accident.

VERSE TO MEMORIZE THIS WEEK:

"The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what He does for us." – Romans 12:3 MSG

QUESTION TO CONSIDER THIS WEEK:

Knowing that God created me for a purpose, what areas of my personality, background, and physical appearance am I still struggling to accept?