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On Purpose and with a Purpose

I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

PHILIPPIANS 1:6 NLT

DO YOU EVER WONDER, WHY? WHY AM I *here in this place at this time?* I think that's something everyone wonders at one time or another. I know I did. Everywhere we turn in this world, something is telling us we don't quite measure up and we don't really matter all that much anyway.

If you're searching for the truth about *who* you are and *why* you are, here it is: we're all here because God created us. We're not some random accident of molecules and evolution. We are "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14). We're "marvelous" (NLT) and "amazing" (NCV). And not just *we* as in all of humankind, but you specifically. God made *you* wonderful, marvelous, and amazing. And He made you *on purpose*.

God didn't stop there, though. He made you on purpose and *with a purpose*. That purpose has nothing to do with money, clothes, skin color, family background, or how many likes you get on Instagram or TikTok. God's purpose for each of us is to love others and point them back to Him and His love. *Boom!* Stop and read that again. *That* is your purpose. It's not some faraway, mysterious thing you'll arrive at someday—it's here and now.

How you live out this purpose is as individual as you are. But don't worry, God's got it all planned out. In fact, He's had it planned right from the start: "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago" (Ephesians 2:10 NLT). All you have to do to step into His purpose for your life is follow Him. Say yes to Him today and every day, no matter what. Because God's purpose is for all the seasons and circumstances of your life—the good times, the storms, the struggles, the heartbreaking times, the growing times, and the quiet times.

Don't wait until you get your act together or you get it all figured out. Step into the life God is calling you to live now. You won't regret it. And that's a promise—not from me but from God.

**Holy Father, today I declare that I will
live my life for You. Lead me forward in the
purpose You have planned for me. Amen.**

2

The “Group Text” Call

God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus.

2 TIMOTHY 1:9 NLT

YOU CAN'T HANG AROUND CHRISTIANS FOR

long without hearing someone talk about their *calling* or being *called* by God. And you might wonder, *What on earth does that mean? Have I been called?*

Let me answer the second question first: *Yes!* You've been called. Every single person on this planet has been called to say yes to Jesus. To love, follow, and obey Him. It's like God sent out a group text to the whole world because “He does not want anyone to be lost” (2 Peter 3:9 NCV).

I was thirteen when I answered that call. I was playing basketball overseas for the Junior Olympics, and it was the first time in my life I'd really been away from my parents. I didn't know the girls on the team very well. And because they were halfway

around the world from their parents, I guess they thought they could do pretty much anything they wanted—so they did. What they wanted wasn't good, and it included things that thirteen-year-old me had yet to see. Joining in just didn't feel right in my spirit. I knew I wanted to follow Jesus instead.

I talk about this in my book *Live*, and I want to remind you here that in life you *do* have options, even when it doesn't feel like it. People often give in to temptation because they think if everyone else is doing something, then they have to as well. Not true. When I was overseas, showing up at all of those parties was mandatory, so I didn't have the option to skip them—but I *did* have the option to not participate. I literally sat by the door and waited until the party was over. I just knew the whole time that Jesus was greater, and I wanted to follow Him. That summer I was baptized by my dad and started answering God's call on my life.

That was the first step—answering that call. I encourage you to respond to that call too if you haven't already. Give your life to Jesus. Now, you might be sitting there thinking, *I'm young. I have my whole life to respond to the call of God.* But if you respond today, think of how much more time you'll have to impact the world around you for Him. But first you have to answer the call.

Lord, thank You for this call You've placed on my life. Teach me what it means to say, "Yes, Lord!" Amen.

3

The “It’s for You” Call

I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

ISAIAH 6:8

IN ADDITION TO THE WORLDWIDE “GROUP text” call we talked about on page 8, there’s a personal call that everyone gets.

Mine came at a conference when a woman named Alex Seeley stepped up to preach. I was seventeen, going into my senior year, and wondering what to do with my life. As Alex preached, I thought, *Everything she’s saying matters because it’s from the Word of God. If I’m going to influence people, I want to say something that matters.* That was my first glimpse of my personal calling. God was calling me to preach and tell my generation about His amazing, unending love.

Let me say that you’ll see people who inspire and lead you toward your calling. But you aren’t called to *be* someone else—even if your callings look similar. I find my purpose by speaking truth over people’s lives, just as Alex does. But we’ll touch way

more people if we each run in the lane God has set before us. *Your calling is original.*

Shortly after I heard Alex preach, a mentor said to me, “I want to encourage you with the word *hineni*.” *Hineni* means “Here I am, God”—with no limits and no distractions. It’s the word used by Abraham, Samuel, and Moses when they responded to God’s call on their lives. I listened, but I wasn’t ready to fully trust God to send me wherever He wanted.

Fast-forward to a few years later when I was visiting a church called The Belonging Co. I was shocked to see Alex Seeley walk up to preach. Instead of sharing her prepared message, she said, “I feel like somebody needs to hear something very specific. The word is *hineni*.” Alex went on to say, “If you recently prayed, ‘Here I am, God,’ but you still have limits or distractions, you need to let go of your safety net and really let Him send you.”

Y’all, I felt like the whole church and God Himself was looking at me!

Up to that point, I’d never really trusted God enough to step away from my safety nets. After that moment, though, everything shifted. I let go of the boyfriend who wasn’t right for me, left a secure job, and stepped into the unknown.

Do you need to let go of some safety nets? Are you ready to say, “Here I am, God. Send me”?

**Holy Father, let my prayer every morning
be, “Here I am. Send me!” Amen.**

Faith for the Vision

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

MATTHEW 14:31

IT WAS ALMOST 2020, AND AS CLASSIC millennial believers, my husband Christian and I were sitting in the Chick-fil-A drive-thru, talking about our “word” for the new year.

“Babe,” I said, “we need a good word to focus on for the year because what we focused on this last year was so challenging and powerful.”

Christian looked over at me and proudly said, “I’m going with *vision*.”

Now, I have a little bit of my dad’s personality in me, so I like to be a challenger in some situations. I was sitting there, trying to let my husband have his word and be excited about it. And don’t get me wrong; it’s a great word to focus on. But I was also thinking, *Okay, I need to give just a little pushback*.

I said, “Look, vision is great. I love it. I hope for vision too. But

let me ask you this: You've been telling me all about the vision that God's given you, and we've been talking about the vision we have together. Do you *really* feel like you need *more* vision in 2020?"

Christian sat there for a minute. "You're right," he said. "Let me think about it a little bit longer."

Another week went by, and we were at a Passion Conference when Christian said, "I've got my word! It's *faith!* I realized you were right. We have a lot of vision, and now I think what we really need is faith for the vision."

Now, that's powerful! *Faith* for the vision!

I have always been gripped by Peter's faith in Matthew 14, even though he became fearful moments after stepping out of the boat. I think it's because his faith had him stepping out of the boat, even when he didn't know what would happen next. So often we want God to show us the finished picture of His vision for us *before* we step out of our boat. But God doesn't usually reveal the full vision. What He does give us is His Word, and through His Word, He gives us faith (Romans 10:17).

Will you choose to let His Word give you the faith to step into the unknown, into His vision for your life? Because if you're willing to do that, you're going to be used by God in the most extraordinary ways.

**Lord, fill me with the faith to step
into Your vision for my life. Amen.**

5

The Runaway

The LORD spoke his word to Jonah son of Amittai: “Get up, go to the great city of Nineveh, and preach against it, because I see the evil things they do.”

JONAH 1:1-2 NCV

WHEN GOD PUTS A SPECIFIC CALL, OR PURPOSE, on our lives, He doesn't force us to accept it. We have some choices about how we'll respond. We could say, “Here I am. Send me!”

Or we could be like Jonah and run away.

Jonah very clearly heard the call of God: *Go to Nineveh and preach*. But Jonah didn't want to go to Nineveh, so he jumped on a ship headed in the opposite direction. Of course, God didn't give up on Jonah. He kept repeating that call on Jonah's life. And God was *not* letting Jonah off the hook—so much so that God sent a big fish to swallow him. (Wild, I know!) After three days, the fish spit him out, and this time Jonah headed for Nineveh. I probably would too if I'd just been swallowed by a fish.

Some of us are like Jonah. We've received a calling from God.

We feel like we know what He wants us to do. But the thought of actually going out and doing it is so scary and overwhelming that we say, “I think I must have heard You wrong, God.” Then we turn around and run the other way.

Here’s the thing: it’s not possible to outrun God. Jonah couldn’t, and neither can we. God is chasing after us but in the best possible way: with love. Psalm 23 says it this way: “Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life” (v. 6 NLT).

Nothing will ever separate us from the love God has for us (Romans 8:38–39). We can ignore it, and we can pretend it’s not real. But God’s love for us and His calling on our lives will still be there, no matter how far or fast we might try to run away. Sure, you can keep saying no, and you can keep running. But God’s call will always be there for you to face. The purpose He has for you—that He chose for you before the foundation of the world—does not just go away. Follow God wherever He leads you.

Holy Father, open my heart, my mind, and my spirit to the calling You’ve placed on my life. And help me to boldly accept it. Amen.