What Is The Purpose Of Your Life

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INTRODUCTION

- It could be that the purpose of your life is only to serve as a warning to others. Well, I hope that's not true for us.
- That's what I want to ask this morning is what's the purpose of your life?
- For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid among his fathers and underwent decay.

1 The Transfiguration

Matthew 17:1–9; 1 Timothy 6:15–16; Deuteronomy 18:15

- And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became as white as light.
- This is my beloved son with whom I'm well pleased. Listen to him. Not Moses, not Elijah, my son.
- Perhaps it is because these three men played a prominent special role in the establishment of the early church.
- God was preparing them for the special role that he had for them.

2 The Special Role That Peter Played

Acts 4:19–20; 2 Peter 1:12–18; John 21:18–19

- Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than God, you be the judge. For we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard.
- So how did God prepare him for this? I would say that witnessing the transfiguration that we just read about is an important way.
- For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. But we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.
- They saw with their own eyes and they heard the voice of God. They saw Jesus glorified.

3 The Purpose of James' Life

Acts 12:1–3; Matthew 20:22–23

- He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword.
- I think the only answer can be is that he had a different purpose in mind for Peter than he had in mind for James.
- He was witness, as were the other apostles, to the resurrected Lord, and he was unwilling to change his story when his life was on the line.

- The death of James was and still is a very powerful testimony to the fact of Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

4 What About John?

Galatians 2:9; John 1:14; Revelation 2:10

- And the word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory.
- Be faithful until death, and I'll give you the crown of life. Maybe we could say that could be the whole theme of the book, be faithful unto death.
- John was the only one of the apostles to not be put to death, to not die a martyr's death, that he actually lived to an old age and died a natural death.
- Maybe God's plan for John was simply to have been the lasting influence in the early church.

5 What's God's Purpose for Us?

1 Corinthians 10:31; 1 Peter 2:19–21; 1 Thessalonians 4:11

- What's God's purpose for us in our life? Well, certainly it's to glorify him.
- Maybe we will not serve God's purpose for us in the way that we would have envisioned, or maybe even preferred.
- For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in his steps.
- Maybe it might be just to simply and patiently endure, quietly, year after year, living an unwavering life of faithfulness.

6 How Does God Prepare Us?

2 Peter 1:19–21; Romans 8:28; Hebrews 12:1–2

- We have the prophetic word. We have the prophecies in the scriptures that we see fulfilled exactly and in detail in Jesus Christ.
- Those unique things may put you in a better place to reach out to someone else than anyone else on the planet.
- God's purpose for us, whatever it might be, is going to be worth whatever the cost is.

THE CHALLENGE

It may be that the very reason that you find yourself here this morning is so that you can find and accomplish God's purpose for you in your life.

MY NOTES