

The "Set Free" Academy



**BREAK THE CHAINS THAT BIND YOU
AND TRANSFORM YOUR MIND**



Vision & Purpose
BONUS WORKBOOK



Discovering Your Purpose

You have just gone through the Vision & Purpose Module and may have yet to discover what God is calling you to specifically. If so, that is 100% okay! It is normal to feel a little unsure - and remember we can plan out our life and God directs our steps :)

When you read through this, you will discover more about your gifting and purpose, as well as what direction you get to walk in to realize it with the Lord!

We will use the story of Joseph, as well as some other powerful examples, to illustrate what God might be doing in YOUR life.

As you read through this guide, remember that when you find out what your direction is, your destiny will take care of itself.

Joseph was told by God that his gift was leadership, yet He got to work some things out before he could become that leader God created him to be.

You will come to understand more about who you get to BE while you are walking toward your destiny!

Work through this guide to discover your gift and your direction, then your destiny will surely follow! It's all about coming into agreement with God and watching how partnering with Him from a place of abundance and alignment brings forth that which He already has for you to do on this earth!

What you learn here will help you discover your gift and the direction you get to go in.

I encourage you to read the story of Joseph in the Bible before diving into this guide. You will find it in Genesis 37-50. It's one of my favorite stories because it covers the areas of everything we talk about in this guide, as well as Death of a Vision, Redemption and Forgiveness.

Reading these chapters beforehand will help set you up with knowledge and understanding of what God was doing in the life of Joseph (and how much this relates to what He is doing in your life too.)

I hope you enjoy this add-in for the Vision and Purpose Module...and that it helps you to solidify your next steps in the direction He is calling you to!

Believing the Truth About Your Purpose

Believe you HAVE a Purpose

- Know that EVERYTHING created by God has a purpose.
- In Ecclesiastes 3:1 it says, ***“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens”*** and Colossians 1:16 says, ***“For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.”***

Understand that GOD is in Control

- Know that the only one who can stop your purpose from coming to pass is YOU.
- How so? You can get off track with your free will. God can be calling you to something and you can say no. You can let fear drive you instead of His promises. You can choose to say 'no God, not me.'
- The good news is that you can ALWAYS get back on track and say YES to Him!
- In Genesis 45 we see many examples of Joseph claiming that God was responsible for what happened to him. Three times he told his brothers that God was in control.
 - In verse 5 he says, "...God sent me ahead of you."
 - In verse 7 he says, "God sent me ahead of you..."
 - In verse 8 he says, "It was not you who sent me here, but God."
- Therefore, when you follow Him and say YES to Him, nothing can stop God's plan for you!

Discover YOUR Gift and your Direction

- Know that God wouldn't call you to do something & not give you the gifts to do it!
- There are 3 types of Spiritual gifts: motivational, manifestation, ministry

Understanding Your Purpose

We are going to focus on "Motivational Gifts" which are all about how God works in you to shape your perspective on life and motivate your words and actions. Read about them below and if you would like additional information this site can be very helpful...

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Motivational gifts are explained in Romans 12:4-8: ***"For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace (calling) given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully."***

We are part of the body of Christ and each of us has one of these gifts and it is the one that motivates you, you feel like you're in the flow. At times we do all 7 - Jesus did, but ONE will motivate us

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

(Note: Each one has to do with helping people)

Gift of Leading/Organizing: "The Leader"

- Carries out projects by recruiting workers, organizing tasks, or delegating responsibilities
- Desires to lead people through organization
- Very organized - likes things lined up, plans things ahead of time

Gift of Prophecy: "The Revealer"

- Reveals truth by exposing sin, so that fellowship with God can be restored and/or maintained
- Desires to motivate people to serve God
- Not about moving in prophecy - it's about motivating people to know God

Gift of Teaching: "The Teacher"

- Desires to study and present truths to people
- Likes to discover and validate truth so that accuracy is maintained
- Often this person will have many books on the go at one time and study words and their meanings

Gift of Exhortation: "The Encourager"

- Encourages Christians to grow spiritually
- Spend time discipling, teaching, and counselling others
- Loves to exhort people and always has a positive spin on things

Gift of Giving: "The Giver"

- Conserves and shares resources in order to meet the needs of others
- Desires to meet the needs of people on a financial basis

Gift of Ministry/Serving: "The Servant"

- Demonstrates love by meeting practical needs, usually through tangible work
- Desires to meet the needs of people on a practical basis
- Often this person will clean up after a meal or stack dishes at a restaurant

Gift of Mercy: "The Empathizer"

- Desires to identify and empathize with people
- Demonstrates God's love and compassion by responding to the 'hurt' people are experiencing
- When someone says they're hurting they really tune in to them and say 'I'm so sorry you went through that' or 'That must have been very hard for you'
- Instead of giving sympathy (Ex: I SEE what you're saying) they give empathy (Ex: I FEEL what you're saying)

Example of Each Gift at Work in a Church Meeting

→ "The Leader" will be organizing it all - she wants it to go a certain way and let's say she brings up the fact that "Amy just lost her job"

→ "The Revealer" (Gift of Prophecy) will say (in a very kind way) , "Well maybe she has sin in her life and we can help her understand it so we can get it out of the way."

→ "The Teacher" will say, "I need to get with her and talk to her because if she follows the steps in 1 Timothy 3 then she can get another job!"

→ "The Encourager" will already be texting her, "God's going to take care of you! You've got this! I'm here for you!"

→ "The Giver" is already pulling up her Banking App to e-transfer her and help meet her immediate needs so she can get through it."

→ "The Servant" has already left the meeting to clean her house.

→ "The Empathizer" is sitting in corner crying.

Determine your Direction and BE Your Gift Through Faith

For example, if you are similar to Joseph and you have a Gift of Leadership, then your direction is to BE a leader.

And this doesn't start when you get a promotion - it starts NOW!

Joseph became a Leader well before Potiphar made him one.

When he was enslaved he became a leader. When he was in prison he became a leader.

He didn't wait until he had a position of leadership to lead - he chose to BE the leader he was called to be well before that position was given to him. He had the character of a leader so he was promoted (by God and by humans).

But, What Does He Want Me To Do?!

Maybe you want to know what SPECIFIC things God wants you to do. I don't blame you - I love having clarity from God too! ;)

I have good news for you - He will let you know those specifics! Want to know how?

By YOU choosing to step out and partner with Him to BEcome that which He has created you to be.

You get to choose to come into agreement with His truth by studying His word, taking steps in the direction He is calling you to based on the Gift He has given you and being faithful, BEing unwavering and moving forward step by step.

When you make a turn that ends up taking you further from Him, you get to make a new choice and turn back to Him. He will honor that you were choosing Him and bless you in that. He will see that you are back on the path of being in alignment and abidance in Him and He will honour that.

And one day you'll look back and go "Ohhhhh that's what God wanted me to do!" and "That's why it happened that way!"

The other important thing to remember is that if He gave you the specifics now, it would scare you to death - and He knows that.

Imagine if God would have told Joseph about the prison part or the enslavement part?! Joseph could have gotten so discouraged thinking his brothers had thwarted his destiny that he didn't take steps in his direction, which took him to his destiny.

Instead, Joseph stepped into his leadership wherever he went and one day in prison he noticed that the butler and baker were sad and asked them why. Then he found out about the dream and used his gift to interpret the dream, which got him out of prison.

BUT If he was so consumed with his own problems he wouldn't have noticed that someone else was sad. He would have said "Well, you think YOU'RE sad...I'VE really got something to be sad about...!!!"

YOU Are the ONLY One Who Can Derail You

Remember, NO human being can derail you except you.

You're the only one and the only way you derail yourself from your destiny is to just stop heading in the right direction.

You can fail these tests hundreds of times and God will just keep having you take them over and over again. Why? Because He wants to get you to your destiny!

Joseph chose to stay on track in his heart.

How Far Will You Go?

The Lord determines the direction and we determine how far we will go

You might be born with a gift to speak, but how many people you can speak to and help is determined by how many tests you can pass and keep myself right.

What helped Joseph to be able to do what God called him to do was his faithfulness, purity, integrity - all the character issues that God formed in his life.

YOU can only fail if you quit soooooo...

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Examples of Faithfulness & Preparation

Let's look at the life of Abraham Lincoln and see how it relates to you. Lincoln led the USA through their only civil war and righted the greatest wrong the USA has ever been involved in. God prepared him but notice that it happened through defeat after defeat after defeat. God was preparing him to fight a war against powers who were enslaving innocent people.

1809 - February 12th - Born into a poor farmer family in a one room log cabin

1818 (Age 9) - His mother died

1831 (Age 22) - Failed in Business

1832 (Age 23) - Defeated for State Legislature

1833 (Age 24) - Failed in Business Again

1835 (Age 26) - His Fiancee Died

1836 (Age 27) - Had a Nervous Breakdown

1838 (Age 31) - Defeated for Illinois State

1843 (Age 34) - Defeated in Run for Congress

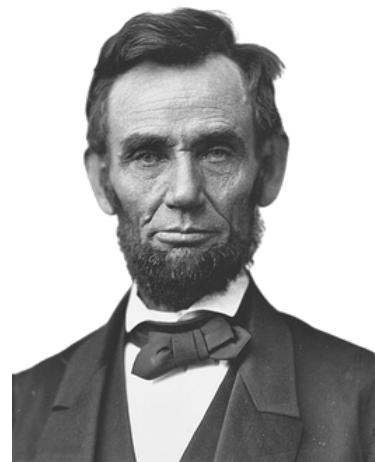
1848 (Age 39) - Defeated in Run for Congress Again

1854 (Age 46) - Defeated for Run for U.S. Senate

1856 (Age 47) - Defeated for Vice President

1854 (Age 49) - Defeated in Run for U.S. Senate Again

1860 (Age 51) - Elected President of the United States



Abraham Lincoln



Now let's look at the diary of John Wesley, who was one of the greatest preachers in the reformation/revival of the church. We will just look at his diary entries every Sunday for one month. These are actual entries written in John Wesley's own hand:

Sunday morning May 5th - Preached at Saint Anne's - was asked not to come back

Sunday night May 5th - Preached at St John's - Deacon said get out and stay out

Sunday morning May 12th - Preached in St Jude's - can't go back there either

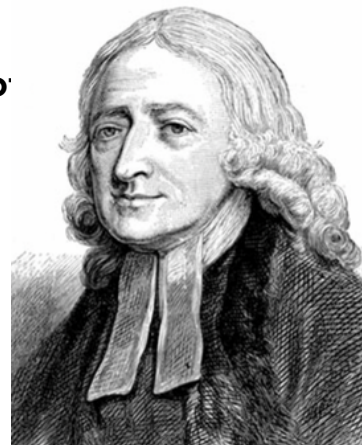
Sunday morning May 19th - Preached in Saint somebody else's - Deacons called special meeting and said I couldn't return

Sunday night May 19th - Preached on street - kicked off street

Sunday morning May 26th - Preached in Meadow - chased out of meadow because bull was turned loose during service

Sunday morning June 2nd - Preached at the edge of town - kicked off the highway

Sunday night June 2nd - Preached in a pasture - 10,000 people came to hear me



John Wesley

Because he knew what his gifts and purpose were and stayed true and faithful to his direction!

Now What?!

God has a destiny for each of us to fulfill...so that means that YOU have a destiny and a purpose!

Jeremiah 29:11 says, **"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."** This scripture speaks so clearly to the fact that He has a wonderful plan for you. You get to decide if you're going to step into it!

If you think you are too far gone to live into His purpose for you, be confident in His word that says, **"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who[a] have been called according to his purpose."** (Romans 8:28)

He is working every single detail of your life together for your Kingdom purpose. If He has a purpose for the animals and birds, then of course He has one for you!

And if you are desperate to know what direction to go in, choose to take a step of faith in whatever direction He is calling you to. Once you know your gifting you can step into opportunities to BE that woman. Don't wait to BE merciful until there's a tragedy...Be it now in everything you do! Don't lead when you are called to do so by someone else...BE the leader now in your every day life - with your children, friends and the people you meet on the street. You can lead emotionally and shift the dynamic of a room with your strength and conviction. Always take a step in the direction He is calling you to and NEVER discount the power He has given you through the Holy Spirit!

And ALWAYS remember who you ARE! You are your CLIF, so state that every single day and be confident in that place you sit in. Even if you don't always believe it for yourself, you can believe it is what He says about you. This is the entryway to His rest - BELIEVING Him!

In conclusion, if you're still questioning what your EXACT purpose is, choose a direction you feel He's calling you to and walk in it! You don't have to know what the destiny or end result is - you just get to figure out what the direction is and start heading in that direction. Then you get to let God take care of all of the details because He is in control.

Love & blessings,

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