

# Embrace Your Life Purpose

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# I. The Importance of Knowing Your Mission

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- It helps keep you focused.
- **It helps you prioritize.**

# II. The Scriptural Basis

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# Jeremiah 1:4–5

“Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, ‘**Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations.**’”

# Acts 20:24

“But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may **finish my course and the ministry which I received** from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God.”

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# 2 Timothy 1:11

“... I was **appointed** a preacher and an apostle and a teacher.”

# Ephesians 2:10

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God **prepared beforehand** so that we would walk in them.”

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- **Mission is not necessarily grand or highly visible.**

## IV. What Mission Is

- Mission is God's unique purpose for your life as a believer.

# V. How do you find your mission?

## 1. Understand your divine design.

- Spiritual gifts
- Abilities (Natural)
- Personality

**2. Consider the desire of your heart.**

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# 3. Write your personal mission statement.

# 3 Questions To Ask

- **Who** is your ministry focus group?

- **What** needs are you seeking to meet?

- **How** will you accomplish your mission/purpose?

# My First Mission Statement

To glorify God by using my God-given gifts of discipleship/shepherding, teaching, and exhortation to help carry out the Great Commission by sharing Christ with those God places around me, investing in the lives of other women, helping them grow to maturity in Christ through discipleship, and equipping them to have a ministry in the lives of others.

# My Revised Mission Statement

To encourage women to passionately pursue Jesus Christ—through teaching, writing, and discipleship

“The truth is not that God is finding us a place for our gifts, but that God has created us and our gifts for a place of his choosing—and we will only be ourselves when we are finally there.”

- Os Guinness

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# Embrace Your Life Story

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# Psalm 139:16

“... And in Your book were all written the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them.”

# 1. Identify the chapters of your life.

- Age
- Geographical locations
- Stage of life
- Work

# Chapters of Moses' Life

- Egypt (40 years)
- Desert of Midian (40 years)
- Wilderness (40 years)

# God's Path for My Life: My Chapters

1. **Childhood:** *Starting out on the Right Path*
2. **College at LSU:** *Detour*
3. **Cru staff:** *In the Groove*
4. **Perfusion:** *Wrong Turn?*
5. **First Evan:** *Back on the Right Path*
6. **Retirement:** *Finishing the Course*

## 2. Identify the stars and scars in your life.

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- Scars—lowlights and low points

# 3. Identify formative relationships and experiences.

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- Faith points— why questions

# 4. Identify what you've learned about God.

- His character
- His relationship with you

# 5. Identify what you've learned about yourself.

- Temperament
- Strengths and weaknesses
- What you're passionate about

# Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth: *The Quiet Place*

“Are you willing to play the part He has written for you in His script? . . . Because when the story has all been told, you will be able to sit back in your heavenly theater seat and see exactly how your one “simple” story line made perfect sense and contributed to the overall plot. You’ll know that He had a deliberate purpose for everything.”

# Embrace the Finish Line

## Finish Well!

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**“For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep, and was laid among his fathers . . .”**

**Acts 13:36**

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# Finish Well!

**1. Choose commitment over comfort  
(Acts 20:18–19).**

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**2. Choose purpose over popularity  
(Acts 20:20–21, 27).**

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**3. Choose faith over fear  
(Acts 20:22–23).**

**“But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.”**

**Acts 20:24 NLT**

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**“I have fought the good fight, I have finished  
the course, I have kept the faith.”**

**2 Timothy 4:7**

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