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WALKING IN PURPOSE

The bible begins to give us in the book of Joel, a description of a great army, and the bible made

us understand that this great army, mighty men leap upon war, none broke their rank, they walked in their path.

(Please quickly confess this: I was born for a reason, I am not a biological accident, I'm not one of the many people in the earth, I was born for a reason, I have an assignment, I have a mandate, I have an anointing, I have a destiny)

The world is full of people, who find themselves in the middle of time, they didn't know why they were born and they die without discovering why they came upon the surface of the earth. There is nothing as tragic as a man who lived upon the surface of the earth, without knowing the reason why he was born and what he was mandated to do upon the surface of the earth.

Purpose means the intention of creating or manufacturing a thing. The purpose of a thing is the reason for its existence, the reason why it came. God is a God of purpose, he does not create anything for nothing, everything he creates is supposed to serve a reason. The purpose of a thing is the reason for its creation and manufacturing.

It is important that we realize that God didn't just create man to walk upon the surface of the earth, get old, get married, give birth to children, go to church, go to university, earn a degree and die. That is a testimony of many people and it is a terrible testimony. Many people do not understand the purpose of their lives, they do not realize that they do not appear on the surface of the earth by biological accident irrespective of how you were born.

It's important for you to find the original assignment and the intension of God for your life. Do you realize that every one of us have an assignment assigned by God. It has been predetermined.

Purpose is not the same as ambition, ambition is what you aspire to become by reason of your like,

your environment, and whatever parameters you have. Purpose is the intention that God put in your heart to serve in the earth realm when he shot you as an arrow from eternity into time, He packaged you for a reason. You don't create your purpose, you discover it.

Hebrews 10 vs. 7

Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

The day you find yourself in the book, you begin to walk in the path of destiny. One definition of frustration in life is to walk void of the knowledge of your assignment; you will waste energy, you will waste resources.

There are so many people escorting others to the place of destiny. God design that you find fulfillment when you begin to walk in your purpose.

- Your joy is in your purpose
- Your peace is in your purpose
- Your prosperity is in your purpose
- Your face and your influence is in your purpose

The danger is that if you do not find it, you will live your life getting offended and angry at those who have found it, because you will aspire to become what they already are, but you will find out that the road you are taking will only end you up in frustration.

(I was born for a reason)

Jesus was a nonentity until the day he found his purpose. There was no proof that Jesus was an important person, that people love him and value him, until the day that he found his purpose.

You remain a nonentity in life.

Luk 4:17 *And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had*

opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

There is a place, it's not a place for many people, not a place for competition. There are so many competitions because many people are trying to be what a few people who have found their purpose have become. The best you can become of another person is the second class of that person. Your originality is manifested when you find the place.

(Luk 4:18) The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

(Luk 4:19) To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

(Luk 4:20) And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

(Luk 4:21) And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

Your today starts when you discover purpose. What prophesy are you fulfilling? Your work upon the earth is supposed to be the fulfillment of the prophecy.

Jeremiah was born to be a big prophet, he brought Lamentation and caused the people to walk in the ways of the Lord, but he did not know that was his divine destiny in Christ.

(Jer 1:4) Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

(Jer 1:5) Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee, and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

*¶He knows my name, He knows my every thoughts
And he hear me when I call¶*

Your coming upon the earth does not mean you are going to walk in purpose, you must discover it. When you realize that you were born for a reason, it will change your outlook about life.

Do you know that everyone was created by inferiority complex by default? There are great people, beautiful people, great millionaires with an inferiority complex. You can try to solve it with different things, but only your purpose kills it once and for all.

You don't solve inferiority complex by prayer, you solve it by discovery; when you find your place and you discover it and then walk in that path.

Many of us have role models that are not in the area of our purpose, and you are struggling to be what you are not.

Your place in life is not determined by you, it is determined by God. So outside of God, there is no discovery of purpose, there is only ambition.

The bible says *he opened the book and find the place*. Without the opening of the book, you will never find the place in life. There are many people who have been crying to God what they are here for.

*¶There is no other name, like the name of Jesus
No other name, like the name of the Lord
No other name like the name of Jesus
He is worthy of all the honor, He is worthy of all the glory
He is worthy of power and praise¶*

*¶Halleluyah, Halleluyah Halleluyah Halleluyah
Halleluyah, Halleluyah Halleluyah Halleluyah
You are worthy (4 *)
Take all glory (4 *)*

*I adore you (4 *)*

*Lord I love you (4 *)*

Lord I'll serve, Lord I'll serve you, Lord I'll serve you, Lord I'll serve you

I hunger and thirst for you, in a dry and weary land

All I want is you

I worship you, with all my heart, with all my heart I worship you, with all my heart

Lord I will bow to you

To no other god but You alone

Lord, I will worship you

Nothing hands have made but you alone

As the deer panteth for the water

So my soul longeth after thee

You alone are my heart's desire

And I long to worship thee

I love to worship, I love to praise

I bow before you, lifting you high

I worship your holy name

Joel 2:4 *The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run.*

Joel 2:5 *Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array.*

Joel 2:6 *Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness.*

Joel 2:7 *They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks:*

Joel 2:8 Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded.

HOW TO DISCOVER PURPOSE

1. Your potential

The word *potential* comes from the word *potent*, which is inherent, an ability that has not been calved yet. Your potential is a pointer to your purpose, a pointer to your assignment. It is your inherent ability, they are not gotten by impartation, you came with it. Every time you turn towards that area, destiny seems to open doors for you – potential.

Some potentials

- There are some ladies that are exceptionally beautiful, that is a potential. Do you know in the book of Esther, the nation of Israel was saved by the potential of beauty; there was no prophet or man of God that prophesied anything there. It was the beauty of a woman that took her to the palace and she obtained favor and brought salvation to the people of Israel.
- Another potential is your creativity; there are some people who are so cre-

ative, they have a thousand ways of doing the same thing.

- Another potential is music for some people while breaking all rules that should guide your voice, yet you sing so well.
- Your keen interest in books, in fashion etcetera, is a show of potentials.
- You behave like a leader since you were young, always taking the lead

Something about potential is that there is always ease in that area, you do it with joy.

2. **Your passion**

What is it that you would do if you were not paid? There are some people who love doing something, it not about money. What do you have passion for? Many people are doing things they do not have passion for, you are frustrated while doing it. You do it because you have friends who are also doing it. Stop frustrating yourself and begin to pursue the area that you have passion for because there is grace there.

3. **The place of your pain and your anger**

Everywhere you keep receiving consistent pain and anger, there is an assignment there for you. The grace for a deliverer was upon Moses, and when he sees that the people were beginning to be oppressed, he was angry to a point that he killed a man.

Many people have been rejecting their pain, it will be good to go back and revisit the pain right now.

When you were young, you were abused, it has graduated to the point that you hate men, would it be that there is an assignment for you there.

There are some people who get concerned about people's relationships even if it's not your business. You have been insulted and tired, yet you

find yourself at it again. Could it be that you have the grace to be a life coach to help people?

There are some of you, anything they give, you give it out and you cannot help it. Could it be you are a kingdom financier, could it be that there is grace for you to relieve and equip the body of Christ?

What have you gone through in life? Do you think it's a waste? Your pain has grace. Every time you conquer a situation in the spirit, authority is given unto you to bring others out.

Some of you have suffered inferiority complex to a point that you do not know what to do with yourself again, could it be you are sent as a deliverer.

You have no right to celebrate your birthday until you have discovered why you are living.

Do you know where you are going? The first thing God did is to reveal his assignment in the garden. Then when Adam began to work, God saw a need for Eve. As a guy, if you have not discovered your purpose, relationship will kill you, because you will not have direction. A day will come that there will be nothing to talk about again.

When you discover your potential, in it you will find your uniqueness; the secret of self-confidence. Your greatness in life is not in your similarity.

Many ministries are frustrated because they don't have a vision, no purpose and that's why they are trying to do everything. Today they are Apostle, tomorrow they are prophets, later Evangelist, they are confused.

You cannot be everything. When you find out your assignment, you will not sleep because of it, when you discover your ability, your potential, they are a pointer to your destiny.

Although discovery and revelation are progressive, but when you have the tool, it begins to guide you. When you begin to gather your tools, it begins to give you directions.

After you discover your potential, the next thing is you begin to develop it, refine it. The process of developing your potentials is a very difficult process. This is where the *boys* are separated from the men because we live in a generation where many people do not want responsibility, we believe that God is supposed to do everything.

When people say they are idle, it's because they have not found what to work on. Your purpose occupies you all day and yet you will not know. Passion is dangerous, it brings obsession, you cannot stop it.

(In the name of Jesus, I receive grace to develop my potentials)

Men of purpose are not people who are idling wasting their time, there are so many people wasting their time every day; visitation to visitation, room to room. But when you are a man of purpose, there is a direction in your life. You will value your time and know that it is precious. The greatest gift God gave you aside from the son and Holy spirit is the gift of time. Any other thing you will do is in time.

Purpose will occupy you. Your purpose will help you to know the book to buy.

Many of you have made friends with people who have broken your heart because you do not know your purpose. When you find your purpose you will see a group of people that you belong to.

Many don't know the group to belong to, even in the church, they do not know the department they fit in, because they do not know their purpose. When you step into the place that has the oil of your purpose you will fit in perfectly. That's

why many people got into the mistake of your past relationships and got into big trouble. Why? Because for many people, out of that desperation to find a friend that can appeal her, just find a brother (probably sings) and something attracts him to and you misunderstood that attraction.

The moment you begin to develop your purpose, you begin to develop your potentials, self-confidence begins to come, not pride. Suddenly you will find out that you use to feel afraid of telling people where you are coming from, of your family background, but now it doesn't matter anymore.

Many things you think about came because you don't have many other things to think about.

When you find your purpose, you are grateful to God, you live a life of gratitude. You stop being angry. When you find your purpose, potential and your place in life, it will make you to honor and value those who have found their own, because you will see that it's not child's play.

Many people disrespect the anointing upon people because you have not found your place, you don't know the level of discipline that it takes to get to that place. As you begin to progress in purpose, when you begin to encounter certain things and you begin to pray and build yourself, and after praying for several hours and you see only a little grace of those people, then you will start respecting them.

Becoming successful is one thing, managing success is another thing. When you begin to walk in purpose you will respect people. If you do not discover purpose you will not know how to respect people who have gone ahead of you, because you will trivialize their sacrifice.

Whatever you are going through today, endure it, develop your potentials, don't be too quick to start manifesting.

Many of you have seen yourself in vision, a leader over others, a ministry over churches, many with apostolic ministries, prophetic ministries, music ministries, financial ministries, business all locked down in you, wake it for manifestation. If you do not discover your purpose, you will join the queue of frustration that is going on in Nigeria. Many jobless people parading the street of Nigeria with good qualifications from the university.

Many of our parents in spite of being filled with the Holy Ghost, they are still suffering. Pastor Chris said you cannot park in the same parking lot of your parents and expect a different result.

What will kill many people is convenience, too much of comfort. One of the biggest problems in the church is that our fathers have lied to us, they don't show us their scar. Even Jesus Christ had scars that brought him greatness, don't be ashamed of your scars.

Pay the price. Many of us don't pay the price in the place of prayer, in the place of giving etcetera. Attend seminars, buy tapes, improve on yourself, attend summits, read books, do what will improve you.

A day will come everything you are longing for you will get it on the platter of gold, work on yourself, and pay the price, don't just claim every good thing that come your way. Sit down, partner with the Holy Ghost and you will become a champion.

Start working on your life, wake up in the morning, start writing things about your life, your enemy is a person that distracts you, let them know it's not time to gist, but a time to work. If you are ashamed of your reputation, you will not be great in life. You must *die* to be a champion. Great men are those that have died in themselves.

4. **Service**

You will never be a good leader until you become a servant. When you find yourself serving in a church, never complain, see it as an opportunity to learn, it will give you good discipline. You must be willing to serve. Service is a place of discovery. Take responsibility for your life, stop insulting your father and mother. Don't be ashamed of your tears. Stop living a realm you have not gotten to, you will get there. Do away with all childish behavior. When you become a man, you lay aside childish things.

Prayers

- Lord I bless you for this word, I receive your word with meekness and gladness
- Lord, I receive grace to discover my purpose, I refuse to be a nonentity. Reveal to me why I am on earth.
- I discover my assignment in Jesus name, I found my place in life, I pay the price

The gift of a man make room, the potentials of a man makes room for him and brings him before great people, the gift of a man brings him before great men.

Stop giving excuses, we live in a world where the youths in Nigeria, Africa and All over the world shy and run away from responsibility. God Bless You

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