



# **THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE**

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**Day 1: It All Starts with God**

**Day 2: You Are Not an Accident**

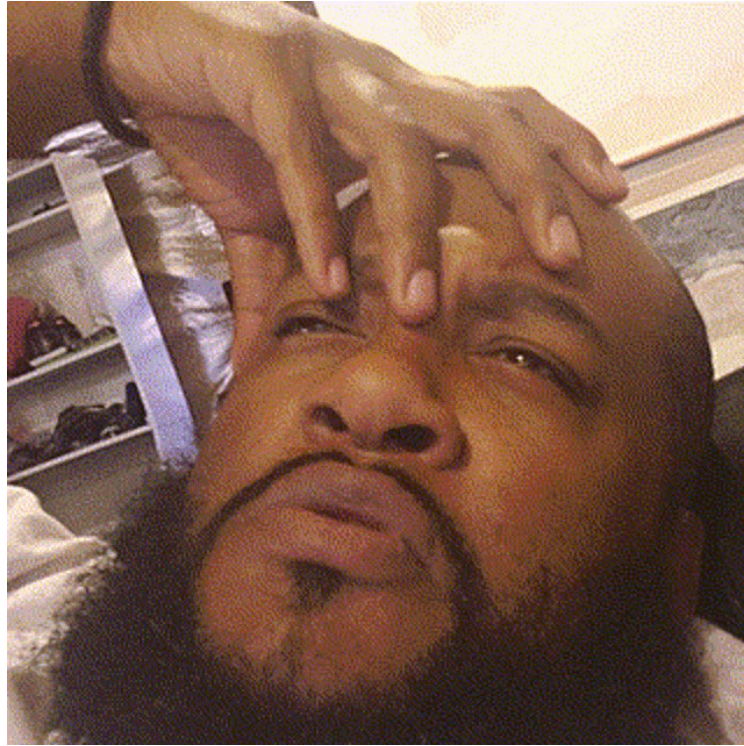
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*Life*



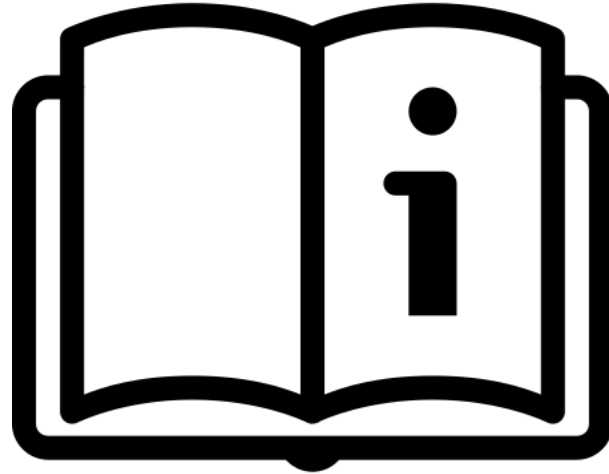
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- Summary and focus on key points of the first two chapters
- What can we take away

**WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR?**



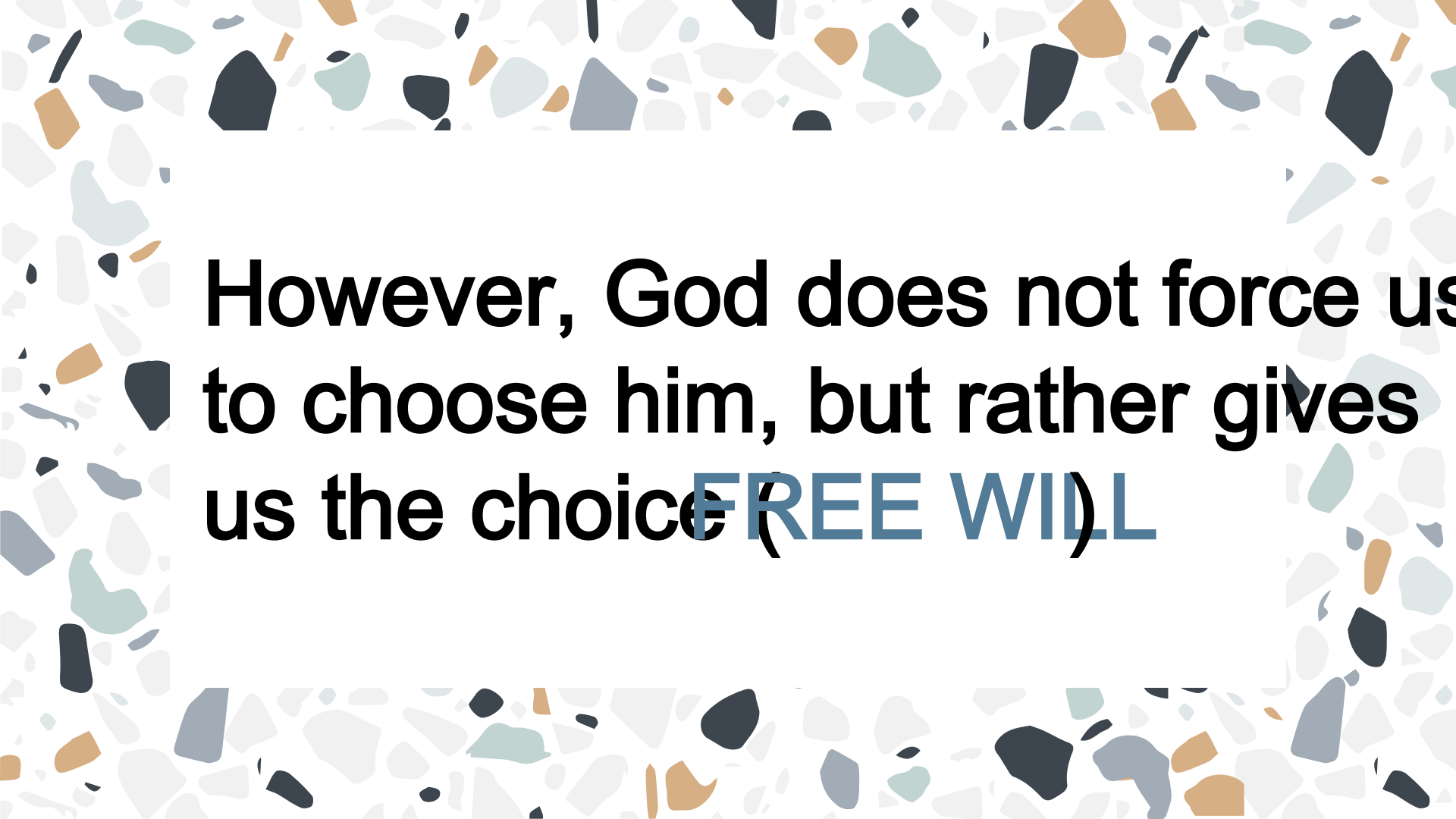
“You didn’t create yourself, so you can’t tell yourself what you are created for”



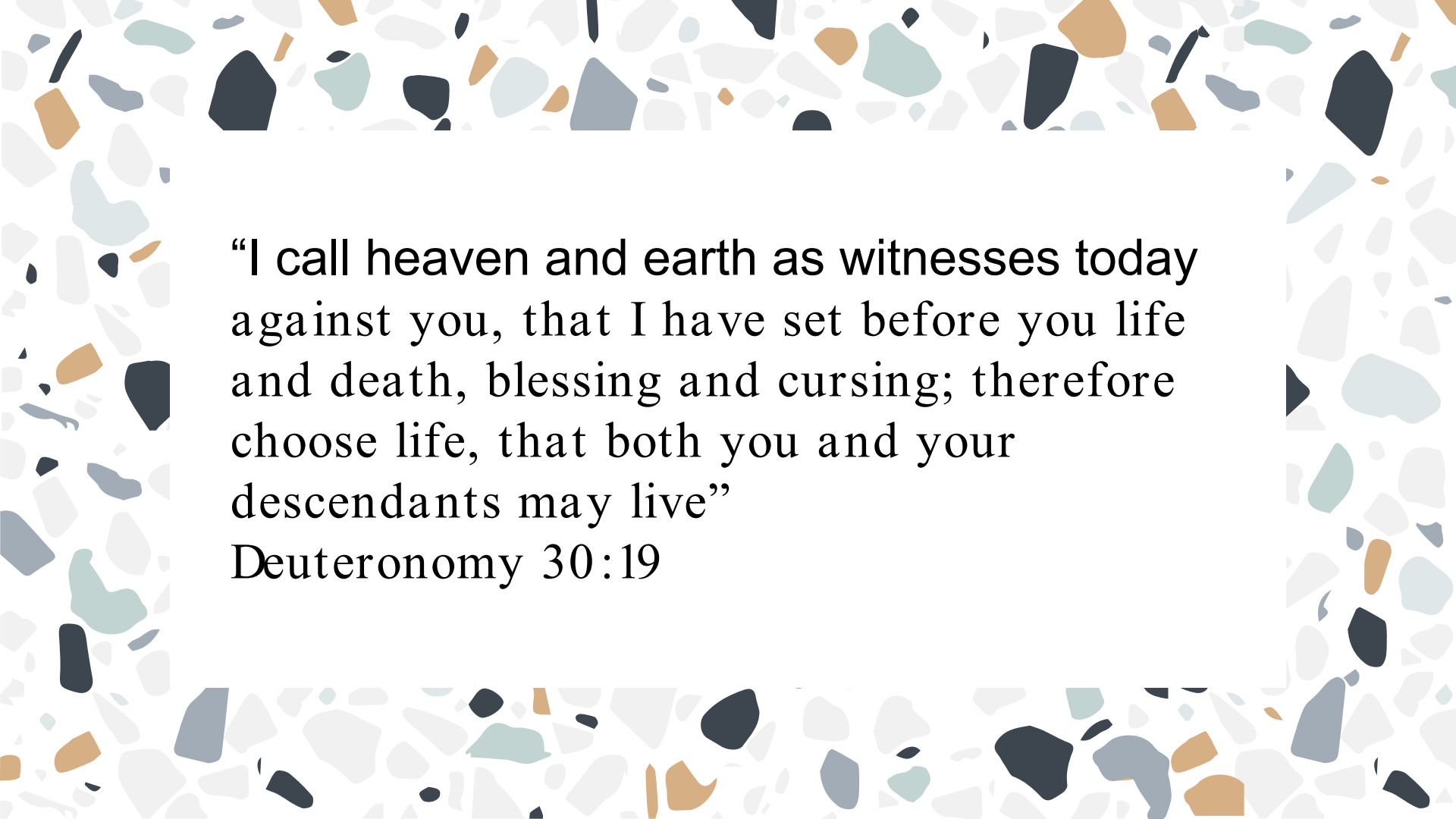
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**The answer of your life's purpose  
starts with GOD...**

You were made BY God FOR God



However, God does not force us  
to choose him, but rather gives  
us the choice **(FREE WILL)**



“I call heaven and earth as witnesses today  
against you, that I have set before you life  
and death, blessing and cursing; therefore  
choose life, that both you and your  
descendants may live”

Deuteronomy 30:19





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# So how do we find out what our purpose is ?

1. Speculation

2. Revelation

# Speculation

Questioning the meaning of life and giving our best guess



# Revelation

Asking God

“The bible tells us why we are alive, what we should avoid and what to expect in the future”

Find out your purpose by first

1. Building a relationship with Him

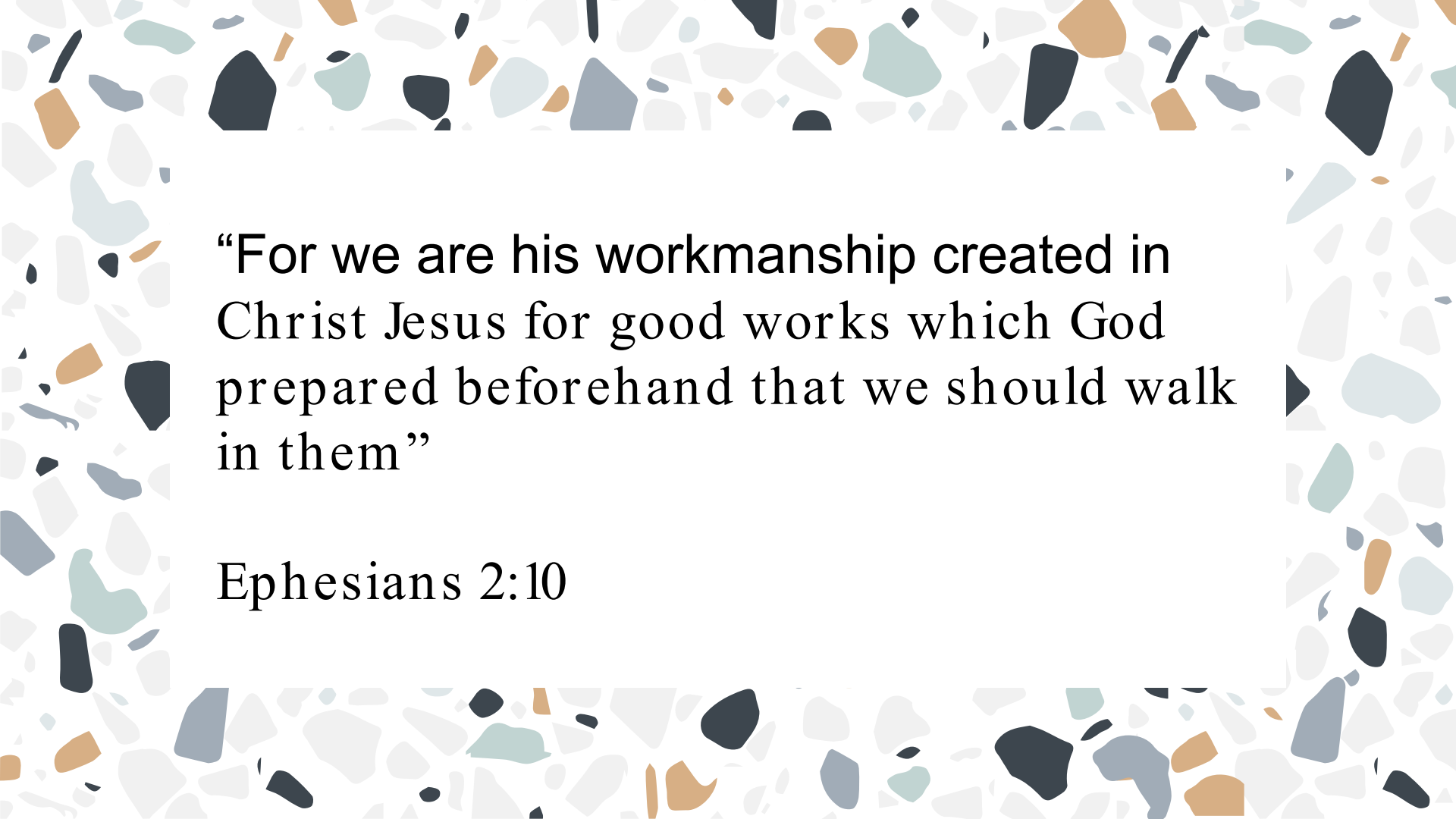
Your purpose was established way before you

1. Although you choose to do a lot of thing in your life, God chose your purpose in life before you were even born

# YOU ARE NOT AN ACCIDENT



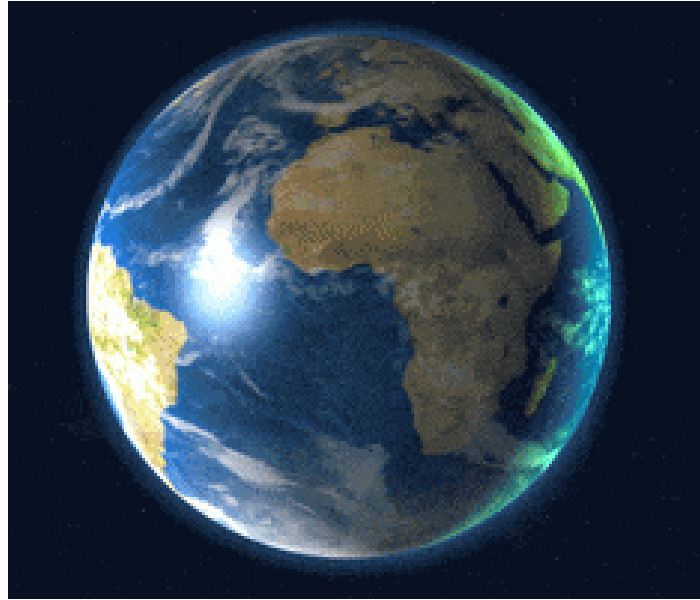
God planned for you to be born, he knows you everything about you from your appearance to your talents and personality!



“For we are his workmanship created in  
Christ Jesus for good works which God  
prepared beforehand that we should walk  
in them”

Ephesians 2:10

**God created this world for us!**



**But why did He do this?**

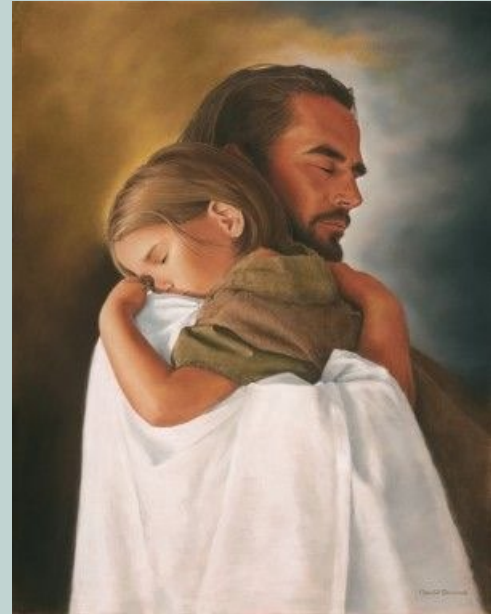
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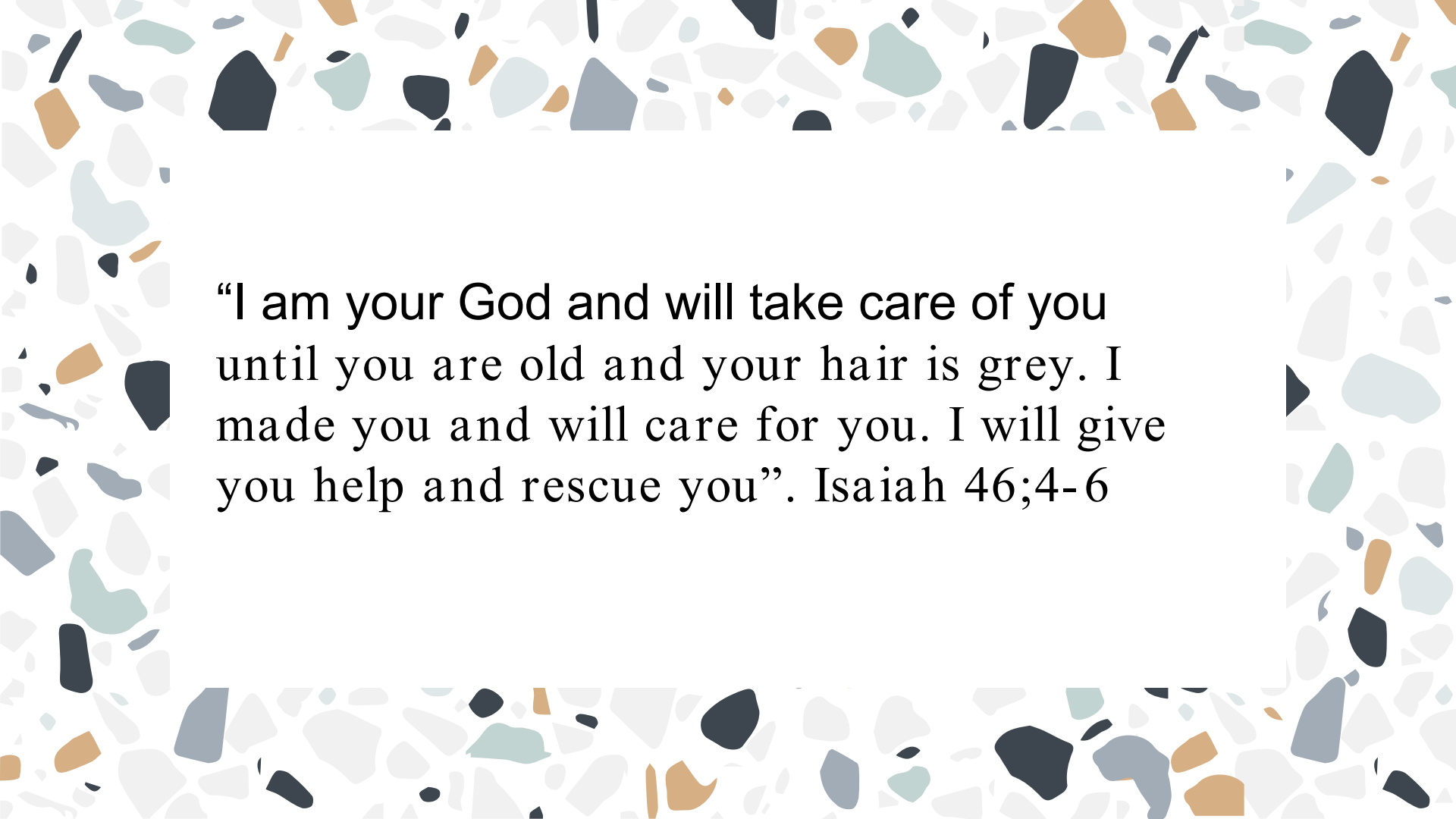
He is a God of love!

He created us so he could love us.

**GOD is LOVE.**

God doesn't NEED us. But, He created us in order to express His love!





“I am your God and will take care of you until you are old and your hair is grey. I made you and will care for you. I will give you help and rescue you”. Isaiah 46;4-6

**So how can I  
apply what was  
said in my  
everyday life?**





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# DAY 3 & 4 OF THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE

Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

# Day 3: What drives you in life?

- Guilt
- Anger and Resentment
- Fear
- Materialism
- Approval



# Guilt

- Regretting and hiding shame
- Manipulating Memories, Controlling the future
- “We are products of our past but we do not have to be prisoners for it.”
- **Examples:** Peter and Judas and felt into guilt, one broke for a while and came back, one ran away and had guilt
- **Verse:** “What happiness for those who guilt has been forgiven!... What relief for those who have confessed their sins and God has cleared their record.” (Psalm 32:1-2)
- **Main Point:** God Is a specialist in giving people a fresh start!



# Anger and Resentment



- People can hold onto, which hurts and gets over them
- Rehearse over and over in their minds
- Some internalize the anger, while some blow up and explode on others
- All are **unhealthy and unhelpful**
- Take onto the inside, you will continue to stew the pain
- We are just holding our anger against others and not others holding against us.
- **Verse:** “To worry yourself to death with resentment would be a foolish, senseless thing to do.” (Job 5:2)
- **Main Point:** Our past is our past, nothing will change it and hold it is only hurting yourself.


# Fear

- Result of Traumatic Experience, Unrealistic Expectations
- Fear Driven people miss great opportunities because they are afraid
- “Play it safe” and avoiding the risks
- Will keep you from becoming what God intends for you to be.
- Must move against it with the weapons of faith and love
- **Main Point:** We must not let fear conquer us!



# Materialism

- Always wanting more based on misconceptions
- Having More is not happy or important but all untrue
- Possessions are only **temporary** happiness
- Our value is is not determined by our valuables
- A most common myth is more money will make yourself secure
- **Main Point:** Real security is only found with a relationship with God.

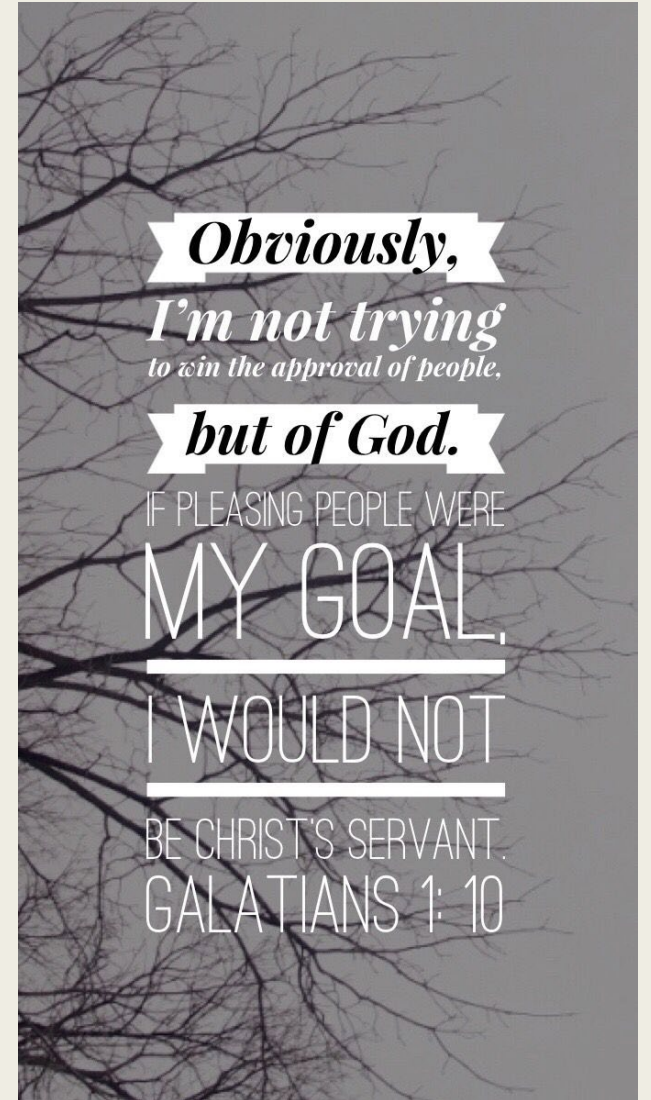


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EYES NOT ON  
WHAT IS SEEN,  
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WHAT IS SEEN IS  
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ETERNAL.

2 Corinthians 4:18

# Approval

- Allowing expectations of parents and others controlling us
- Some **are** still trying to earn their approval.
- Some **are** driven by peer pressure
- Some **are** always worried about others' thoughts
- **Main Point:** Those who follow the crowd usually get lost in it.



# Knowing your purpose in life

- Meaning in life
- Simplification in life
- Focused Life
- Motivated Life
- Preparation for eternity





# Knowing your purpose in life gives a Meaning in life

- A man once said “I feel like a failure because I am struggling to become something and I don’t even know what it is. All he knows how to do is to get by. Someday if he discovers his purpose, he’ll feel he’s beginning to live.”
- Without God, life has no purpose
- No meaning, no significance or hope in life
- **Examples:** Isaiah had complained “I have labored to no purpose, I have spent my strength in vain and for nothing.”
- Job said “My life drags by – day after hopeless day. I give up. I am tired of living, Leave me alone. My life makes no sense.”



# Knowing your purpose in life Simplifies life

- Define what to do and not do
- Ask ourselves “Does this activity help me fulfill one of God’s purposes for **my** life?”
- We tend to make choices based on circumstances, pressure or mood.
- It is impossible to do everything people want us to do.
- But enough time to do God’s will



# Knowing your purpose in life gives a Focus in life



- Concentrating effort and energy on what is important
- Some spin around and keep changing directions
- The Bible said, “Don’t live carelessly, unthinkingly. Make sure you understand what the Master wants. ” (Ephesians 5:17)
- **Example:** Paul single handedly spread Christianity throughout the Roman Empire
- “He focused all his energies on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forwards to what lied ahead.”
- Paul said, “Let’s keep focused on that goals, those of us who want everything God has for us.”
- Never confuse activity with productivity

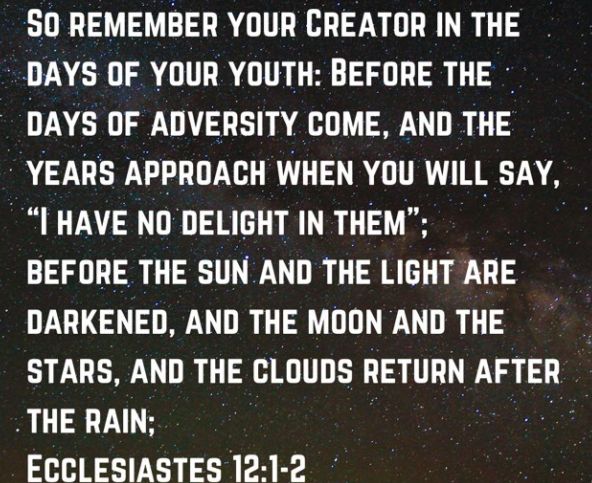
# Knowing your purpose in life gives a Motivates life

- Always producing passion
- Nothing energizes like a clear purpose
- But passion dissipates when you lack that purpose



# Knowing your purpose in life Prepares you for eternity.

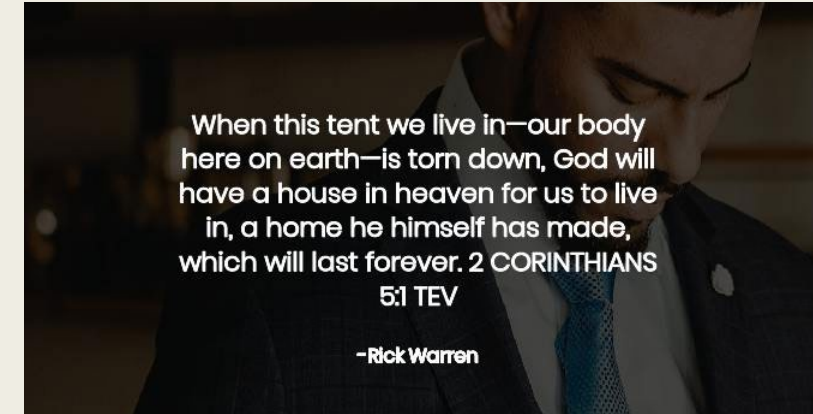
- Many spend their lives trying to create a legacy on earth
- But what ultimately matters most will not be what other say about your life but what God says.
- People tend to fail to realize that these achievements will be gone.
- Example: One student's goal in college was to become the school's tennis champion, feeling proud when his trophy was then placed in the cabinet. Years later, someone mailed him saying they found it in the trash. The student said "Give enough time, all your trophies will be trashed by someone else!"
- A wiser use of time is to build an eternal legacy.
- **Main Point: We were not put on earth to be remembered, but to prepare for eternity.**




SO REMEMBER YOUR CREATOR IN THE  
DAYS OF YOUR YOUTH: BEFORE THE  
DAYS OF ADVERSITY COME, AND THE  
YEARS APPROACH WHEN YOU WILL SAY,  
"I HAVE NO DELIGHT IN THEM";  
BEFORE THE SUN AND THE LIGHT ARE  
DARKENED, AND THE MOON AND THE  
STARS, AND THE CLOUDS RETURN AFTER  
THE RAIN;  
ECCLESIASTES 12:1-2

# Day 4: Made to Last Forever

- The life we have now is not what there all is.
- It is preparation for the next
- May live 100 years on earth, but forever in eternity
- One Day, it will be the end of our body on earth but not for our soul
- Our relationship with God determines the future for eternity
- Once you determine life is preparation, you will live differently
- All goals will seem unworthy, priorities reordered



# Preparation for Eternity



YOUR FUTURE  
WITH GOD  
IS INFINITELY GREATER  
THAN ALL THAT  
TRAILS BEHIND YOU.

- Compare this to for say a rehearsal of a play is our lives now and the play is the eternal life.
- Or even the nine month in your mother's womb was preparation for life here, but life now is preparation for eternity.
- Today is the visible tip of the iceberg, eternity is the rest underneath the surface.
- We can also compare this as life on earth is the cover of a book and eternity is the chapter that no one has read yet, Chapter One.
- "I once thought all these things were so very important, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done."
- We should ensure our actions relate to eternity.

# Ending Points

- **Day 3:** Living on Purpose is the path to Peace
- **Day 4:** There is more to life than just here and now.
- **Verses to ponder on:**
  - *You, Lord, give perfect peace to those who keep their purpose firm and put their trust in you.” Isaiah 26:3*
  - *“This world is fading away, along with everything it craves. But if you do the will of God, you will live forever.” 1 John 2:17*
- **Question to ask yourself:** Since I was made up to last forever, what is the one thing I should stop doing and the one thing I should start doing today?

