

**SEEING LIFE  
FROM GOD'S  
VIEW + LIFE IS A  
TEMPORARY  
ASSIGNMENT**

**The purpose driven life  
(days 5+6)**

# What is your *life metaphor*?

- Comparing life to other things (such as inanimate objects or concepts)
- Like an image that comes up in a person's mind or a way to describe what a person's intake is on life from their point of view

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# Biblical *metaphor of life*

- Permits you to fulfill the purposes God made for you
- Foundation of purpose-driven living
- 3 metaphors that teach us God's view
  - Life on earth is a test
  - Life on earth is a trust
  - Life on earth is a temporary assignment



# Discussion

God has a plan for each of us... what do you think God's plan for you is?

# Life on earth is a Test

- Tests permit self growth and character development
- All have eternal implications no matter the size
- God never allows the tests you face to be greater than the grace he gives you to handle them
  - “God keeps his promise, and he will not allow you to be tested beyond your power to remain firm; at the time you are put to the test, He will give you the strength to endure it, and so provide you with a way out”
- Biblical characters that have been tested
  - Adam and Eve
  - Joseph
  - Esther
  - Abraham



# Life on earth is a Trust

- All that we have is a gift from God; He loans it to us
  - Relationships
  - Earth
  - Intelligence
  - Energy
- He is trusting us with the care of his creation
- As christians: “Because God owns it, I must take the best care of it that I can”
- At the end of your life you will be evaluated and rewarded on how well you handled what God entrusted to you
- If you treat everything as a trust, God promises 3 things
  - Affirmation
  - Promotion
  - Celebration



# Life on earth is a Temporary assignment

- Compared to eternity, life on earth is extremely short; earth is only temporary residency
- Flirting with the temptations of the world is considered spiritual adultery
  - Almost as if you're considered a traitor
- In order to keep us from becoming too attached to earth, God allows us to feel a significant amount of disconnect and dissatisfaction in life - longings that will never be fulfilled on this side of eternity
- We're not made to stay here, so we'll never reach that perfect comfort level
  - "At death you won't leave home; you'll go home"
- Faithfulness to God does not guarantee you any kind of success in our life here
- The greatest heroes are not those who achieve prosperity, success and power in this life but those who treat their life as a temporary assignment and serve faithfully, expecting their promised reward in eternity
- It takes faith to live on the earth as a foreigner

# Summary

## 3 metaphors that teach us God's view

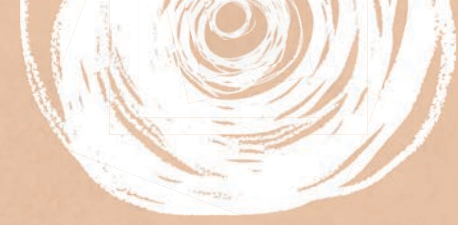
- Life on earth is a test
  - Our life will test our capabilities to see how we handle certain situations which will lead to our potential reward in eternity
- Life on earth is a trust
  - Nothing on this earth is ours, it all belongs to God and we have to treat it properly
- Life on earth is a temporary assignment
  - Don't get comfortable here because this isn't where we belong



Day 7

# The Reason For Everything

The Purpose Driven Life





# *It's All For Him*

THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF THE  
UNIVERSE IS TO SHOW THE GLORY  
OF GOD



# What is the Glory of God?

IT IS WHO GOD IS, AND THEREFORE IT IS IN  
EVERYTHING

let's look at  
History



MOSES

THE GARDEN OF  
EDEN

JESUS

*Today starts with us*

GOD'S GLORY IS IN US AND THE  
CHURCH

"Living for God's Glory is the greatest  
achievement we can accomplish with our  
lives"



## SO WHAT CAN WE DO?

Recognize. Honor. Declare. Praise.  
Reflect. Live.



## REVELATION 4:11

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things,"



## WHY BRING GOD GLORY?

God says: "They are my own people, and  
I created them to bring me glory"

THEREFORE, THIS MUST BE THE GOAL OF OUR LIVES



# How to bring God glory

"THE GLORY OF GOD IS A  
HUMAN BEING FULLY  
ALIVE!"

- ST. IRENAEUS

"When anything in creation  
fulfills its purpose, it brings  
glory to God."





# 5 Purposes of Our Lives

WE BRING GOD GLORY BY...

- Worshipping Him
- loving other believers
- becoming like christ
- serving others with our gifts
- telling others about him





## WE BRING GOD GLORY BY WORSHIPPING HIM

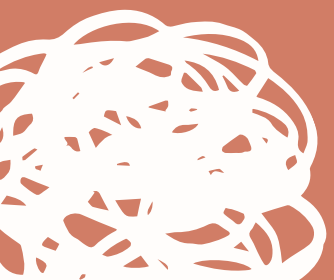
- Giving ourselves to be used for His purposes.
- When using our lives for God's glory everything we do becomes an act of worship.

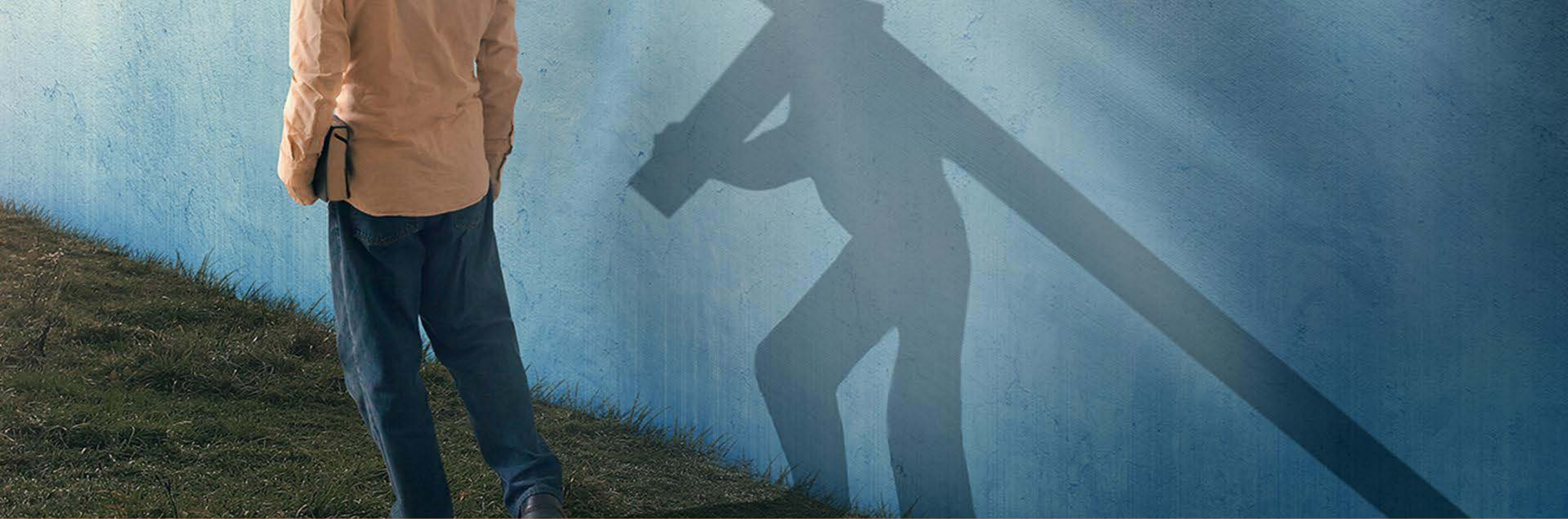




WE BRING GOD GLORY  
BY LOVING OTHER  
BELIEVERS

- “accept each other just as Christ has accepted you; then God will be glorified.”
- God is love and through love we honor Him.





WE BRING GOD GLORY  
BY BECOMING LIKE  
CHRIST

- "as the spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like Him and reflect His glory even more."
- We are all growing in spiritual maturity.





WE BRING GOD GLORY  
BY SERVING OTHERS  
WITH OUR GIFTS

- We are all given gifts made to serve others, just as others use their gift to serve us.
- Our gifts help us live our lives to the fullest, which in turn glorifies God.





WE BRING GOD GLORY  
BY TELLING OTHERS  
ABOUT HIM

- God doesn't want His purposes and His love to be kept secret.
- "As God's grace brings more and more people to Christ...God will receive more and more glory"



# What Will You Live For?

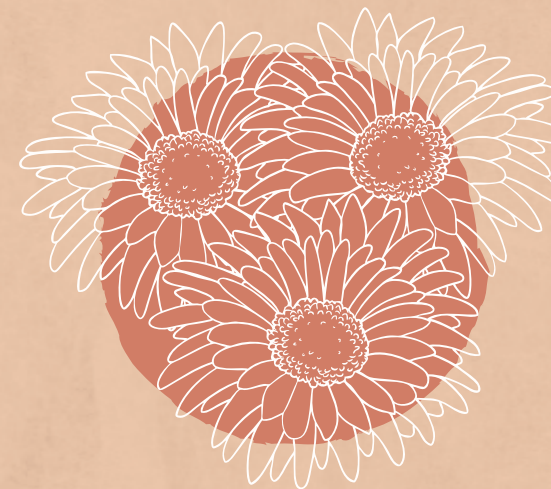
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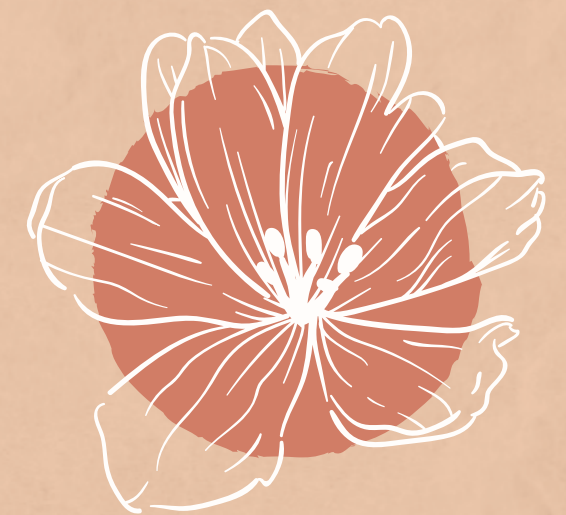
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# Choosing God Before Yourself

## 2 STEPS

First, **believe**

- God loves you
- You are made for His purposes
- You are not an accident

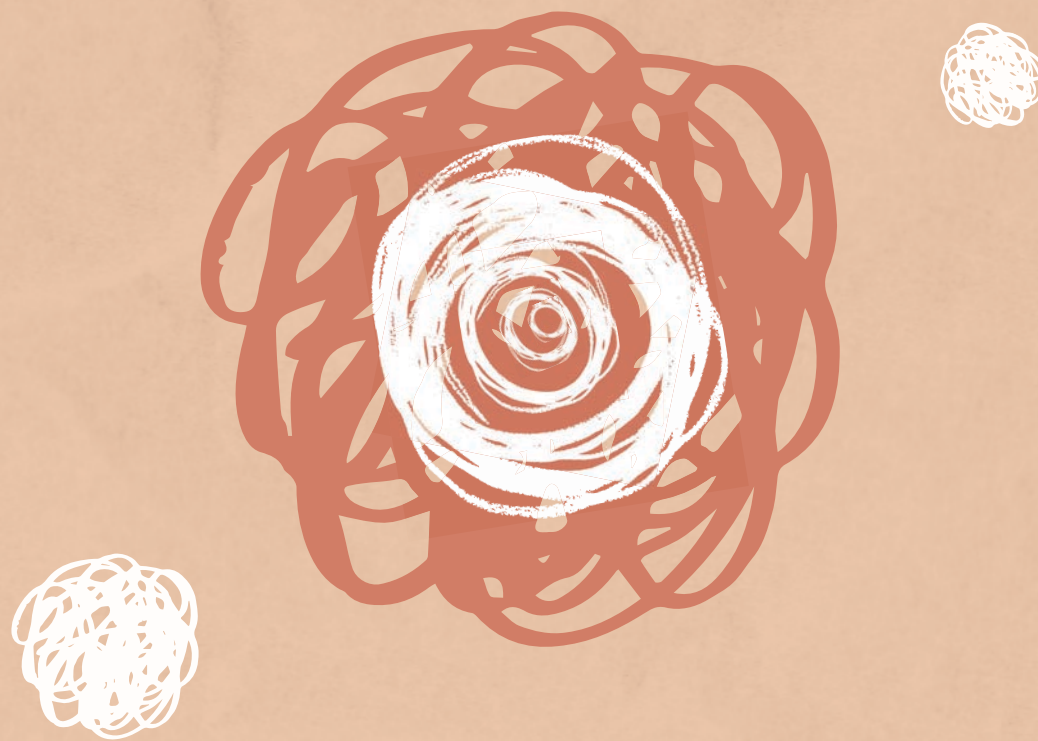
Second, **receive**

- Jesus in your life
- His forgiveness
- The holy spirit





# A Prayer



"Jesus, I believe in you and I receive you"

