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Finding Your Purpose

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Previous Lessons

Foster Care Teens

Personal Care Items

We are always collecting "Personal Care Items" for teens in foster care throughout the year. Items for both male and female teens are being collected in the bin just outside our youth room. These items will be sorted into personal bags and given to DCS to be distributed to teens who may not even have their own tooth brush or comb.

This Week's Bible Verse

Philippians 2:13

Sunday



Finding Your Purpose

A couple of weeks ago, we discussed how God's purpose for us is so much better than we could ever imagine. We said that each of us was created by God for a purpose and we are specifically created and also prepared to fulfill that purpose.

We started off with telling the story of **The Unmoved Rock** and saw that the man in the story thought he was a failure at the task God had given him because he determined for himself what God's purpose for him was rather than just listening to God and trusting in God's wisdom. We also noticed how Satan was right there ready to encourage the man to give up hope of ever moving the rock. But, when the man turned to God in prayer, his true purpose was made clear.

We said that many people spend their entire lives searching for what they think their purpose is. Some find it but many others do not.

We said that our purpose is more about the journey

¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

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than the destination and it is not something we really even need to search for. We just need to follow God's guidance and trust His wisdom.

We went through the story of David (**1 Samuel 16**) and how even though, as a teenage shepherd boy, he had clearly been given his purpose, by God, to be the next King of Israel, it was a very long and sometimes even dangerous journey to finally actually realize that purpose. But, David never lost hope and faith in God's plan for him.

Even though he was chosen and anointed by God, David was not ready to be the king as a teenager. God needed to help prepare him for it and it was only David's strong faith and trust in God's plan for him that allowed him to fulfill his purpose in God's way and in God's time.

We also looked in **Psalm 138:8**, **Philippians 1:6**, and **Philippians 2:13** to see that God does have plans for each of us and He will complete what He started.

We said that we should use the "**waiting time**" wisely, as David did, while God is helping us to prepare to fulfill our purpose.

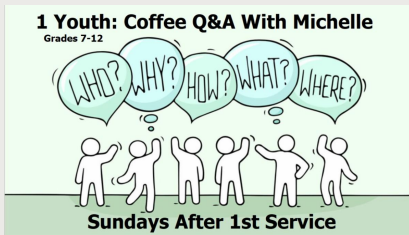
We said that while God may not send us a prophet to anoint us with His blessing for our purpose, He does put desires in our heart to help lead us there.

We said to go ahead and write stories or songs, play an instrument, become a fighter, an actor, an athlete, a dancer, a mechanic, an accountant, an engineer, a doctor, a lawyer, or whatever you are passionate about in your heart's desire. Pray for and listen to the Holy Spirit for guidance and always look for God's peace in whatever decisions you make. Remember to keep God at the center of all you do. But, whatever you do, like David, don't ever give up hope and faith in God's plan for you.

The bottom line: When you let go of what you think your life should be or what others are telling you it should be and you faithfully follow God's direction in your heart, you can discover and fulfill God's amazing purpose for your life.

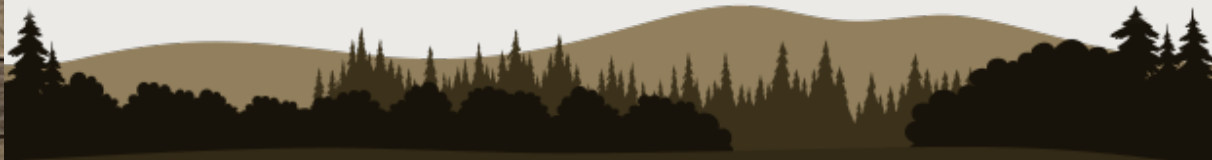
New Youth Game Room

The games have all been moved, along with some great new ones, into the annex (down the hall past Pastor Jeff's office). Come check it out before or after service!



Coffee Q&A with Michelle after 1st service **Every Sunday!**

Join us in the Youth Room every Sunday, after 1st service, for refreshments in a casual atmosphere for an opportunity for you and your friends to ask questions and discuss answers to your most pressing questions about God, Jesus, the Bible, other Religions, Christianity, or just about Life in general.



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