

Be Your Best You In 2016 And Beyond...

PURPOSE

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In the past few days, we've read stories throughout the Bible that show how **God used the most unlikely people to do great things.**

He used people who weren't accepted by society to change culture.

- Moses was bad at speaking, but God used him to convince the leader of the Egyptians to let millions of slaves go.
- He used David, who was the smallest of his brothers, to defeat a giant.
- God used Joseph, who looked after sheep, to help lead a nation.

Here's the thing: "**God doesn't use the most talented; He uses the most willing.**"

God gives people purpose.

If you don't feel good enough, or don't know what your purpose is, just know this:
God will give you purpose.

You don't have to be the best or the most talented—you just have to be willing.
Be willing to let God use you.

For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11 NLT.

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STEPPING FORWARD AND UPWARD IN OUR PURPOSE

• Joshua 3:1-17

- Delays steel your determination; waiting strengthens your character. The bigger the opportunity, the longer it takes. We think big without thinking long. That is a recipe for disappointment. ~Mark Batterson
- You cannot overcome every circumstance and obstacle by yourself or just you and your family.
- You either react or respond. Christ Followers **respond** in faith and trust God for the divine answers especially in a crisis.



"We can make our own plans, but the LORD gives the right answer. Commit your actions to the LORD, and your plans will succeed."

Proverbs 16:1, 3 NLT

- Faith, Trust, and Action blended together create amazing results! (Miracles)

What obstacles are you currently facing that may be preventing you from living your purpose? What steps do you need to action in order for you to move into your purpose?

Most of our emotional problems are symptoms of one deep-rooted spiritual problem:
Lack Of Trust In the Sovereign God.

It's our lack of trust in Him that results in high levels of
past-tense guilt, present-tense stress, and future-tense anxiety.
And if we allow it to, that three-headed monster will deplete every ounce of holy confidence we possess
until we lose our sense of destiny.

Many of us find our confidence in the things we can control, but it's a false sense of confidence.
Holy confidence isn't circumstantial. It's *providential.
Too often we allow our circumstances to get between God and us.
Holy confidence puts God between us and our circumstances.
And when we do that, the Almighty One dwarfs the giants in our lives.

Let's face it: We are control freaks.
We want to control our circumstances.
We want to control others.
And ultimately, we want to control God Himself.
We do this in the name of sanctification, but it's *pseudosantification.
It's nothing more, or maybe I should say nothing less, than a futile attempt at self-help.

Lack of trust is more than refusing God's help. It's a prideful attempt to help God by doing His job for Him.
We play God by trying to control everyone, everything.
But God hasn't called us to be God. He's called us to be ourselves.
And control issues are really trust issues.
The less we trust God, the more we have to control.

The loss of control feels like the lost of life.
But if you survive the scare, it can actually bring you to life in new ways.
You don't have to pretend you have everything under control.

Nothing is more spiritually, emotionally, or relationally exhausting than pretending you hold the planets in orbit. And the flipside is true as well.
The greatest freedom in the world is relinquishing control and submitting your life to the Sovereign One.
And when you do, self-confidence us crucified.
But self-confidence must die if holy confidence is to be resurrected.
The two cannot coexist. ~ Mark Batterson "Soulprint"

*Providential
Peculiarly fortunate or appropriate; as if by divine intervention • a providential recovery
=heaven-sent, miraculous
≈fortunate

*Pseudo
Combining form: pseudo-
Fake, mock, false, similar

Adjective: pseudo
(often used in combination) not genuine but having the appearance of.
≈counterfeit, imitative

Noun: pseudo
A person who makes deceitful pretenses
=fake, faker, fraud, imposter, pretender, pseud, role player, sham, shammer. ⇒name dropper, ringer