

Message One: Destiny

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This sermon will help people understand what destiny is, why it's important, and whether or not they are fulfilling it.

INTRODUCTION:

Millions of people loved Seinfeld when it aired.

A college drama department did a study to find out why Seinfeld was so popular.

They determined that the reason was because of its plotless programming.

Seinfeld just meandered haplessly from one scene, one circumstance to the next without connection.



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The drama department concluded that Americans who lead plotless lives prefer plotless TV programs.

There's a plotlessness that exists in many of our lives today.

Often we move from one scene, one circumstance to the next without purpose.

We wander from high school to college, from college to our first job.

Then we're just dying to get married.

Then we're just dying to have kids.

Next we're dying to get them out of the house.

Then we're dying to retire, only to find out that we're just dying – never having known why we were alive in the first place.

But what would life look like if we all lived with a purpose, with a destiny?

How would we act and think differently if we saw God's hand in the plots of our lives connecting one circumstance to the next in the tapestry of His will?

Hope, purpose, and joy will permeate our lives if we begin to follow our destiny.

1. GOD HAS GIVEN YOU A DESTINY



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Destiny is the customized life calling for which God has equipped and ordained us, in order to bring Him the greatest glory and the maximum expansion of His kingdom.

Every Christian must understand their destiny or primary purpose in life, which is to glorify God and make His name known.

(Isaiah 43:6-7) 6 I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, 7 everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Destiny always starts with the place of God in our lives.

If we want to find our destinies, God must occupy the central place in our hearts, minds, motivations, and actions.

(Deuteronomy 6:5) You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.



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The heart of destiny, for the child of God, is to serve the purposes of God.

As we obey and serve the Lord, He will make His purpose for us clear.

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2. GOD'S DESTINY FOR YOU WILL LEAD TO A FULFILLING LIFE

When people don't live with the sense that God has given them a divine purpose in life, they can become depressed.

Each member of the body of Christ has a unique role to play.



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But when some members don't fulfill their God-given destiny, the body cannot function.

(Romans 12:4-8) For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function,

5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith;

7 if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching;

8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

When you know your destiny, you know your value in God's eyes.

When you discover your destiny, you'll begin to live life like you never have before.

Note: The cross was Paul's identity and hope.



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Though persecution plagued the apostle Paul throughout his life, he frequently looked back to the destiny Jesus gave him on the Damascus Road and regained the confidence to keep going.

(Acts 9:3-6) Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him.

4 And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

5 And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.

6 But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

(Acts 22:6-10) "As I was on my way and drew near to Damascus, about noon a great light from heaven suddenly shone around me.

7 And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?'

8 And I answered, 'Who are you, Lord?' And he said to me, 'I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.'

9 Now those who were with me saw the light but did not understand the voice of the one who was speaking to me.



10 And I said, 'What shall I do, Lord?' And the Lord said to me, 'Rise, and go into Damascus, and there you will be told all that is appointed for you to do.'

Why do you think that the other people who were with Saul/Paul could not understand the message?
It wasn't their destiny, therefore, none of their business.

3. DETERMINE IF YOU'RE FULFILLING YOUR DESTINY

We know that we are fulfilling our purpose by the impact we have on others.

King David fulfilled his God-given purpose and impacted others.

(Acts 13:36) For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption,

We will all die and the only thing we will leave behind is the eternal impact we have made on others.

A. GOD'S DESTINY IS WORTH PURSUING:



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There was a little girl who asked her father for a nickel.

He reached into his pocket but he didn't have any change.

So the father pulled out his wallet and all he had was a twenty dollar bill.

His little girl had been a good girl so he said, "Sweetie, I don't have a nickel, but here's a twenty dollar bill."

The little girl pouted and said, "But daddy, I want a nickel."

The father tried to explain how many nickels the twenty dollar bill represented, but she didn't get it.

Many of us are the same.

We want a nickel when God wants to give us a twenty-dollar bill.

We want our will so much that we miss out on God's perfect destiny for us – one that is worth much more than twenty dollars!

B. GOD'S DESTINY REQUIRES SINGLE-MINDED FOCUS:



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When Yogi Berra and Hank Aaron played baseball against each other, they had a playful rivalry.

During one particular game, Hank Aaron stepped up to the plate and Yogi, the catcher on the opposing team, tried everything to distract Hank.

“Hey Hank, you can’t hit.

Your mama can’t hit.

And did you notice that your name on the back of your uniform is spelled wrong?”

Well, Hank didn’t pay any attention and he slugged the next pitch over the centerfield wall.

After he rounded the bases and touched home plate, he looked back at Yogi and said, “Hey Yogi, just thought you might want to know.

I didn’t come here to read.”

Just like Hank Aaron, when we stay focused on our destiny, the voices that try to distract us become more and more silent.



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“Destiny is your customized life calling for which God has equipped and ordained you in order to bring Him the greatest glory and the maximum expansion of His kingdom.”

“When you know what you’re here for, there may be a lot of voices, but they don’t distract you.”

“At the heart of destiny is serving the purposes of God.”

“If you disconnect your life from God, you disconnect yourself from your destiny.”

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