

YOUR TRANSFORMATIONAL JOURNEY

Begin your Journey

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he planned for us long ago.”

EPHESIANS 2:10 (NLT)

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faithfully walking in the plans
He has prepared for your life.

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Throughout these studies, you will also find memory Scriptures, reflection questions, journal prompts, weekly challenges, and occasional worship song recommendations. For a more complete collection of worship music organized by spiritual themes and stages of the Transformation Journey, please visit the **Ministry Library** on my website. My prayer is that these resources will encourage you to spend time in God's Word, draw you into worship, and strengthen your daily walk with Jesus Christ.



Main Theme

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Theme Scripture

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Why: This is the foundation of the paper. It teaches that God created and redeemed us with purpose, and that He has already prepared good works for us to walk in as we follow Christ.

Supporting Scriptures

Jeremiah 29:11--Reminds us that God's plans are good, full of hope, and rooted in His faithfulness, even when we cannot yet see where He is leading.

For I know the plans I have for you a future and a hope.

Romans 8:26-28--reminds us that even in our weakness, the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, and God is faithfully working through every circumstance to accomplish His good purpose in our lives.

And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will. And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Philippians 2:13--These verses remind us that God's calling is not accomplished in our own strength. As we faithfully walk with Christ, He works within us, shaping our hearts, guiding our steps, and empowering us to fulfill the purpose He has prepared for us.

Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

Proverbs 3:5-6--Encourages us to trust God's guidance rather than our own understanding as He directs our steps into His calling.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

Colossians 3:16-17--These verses teach that God's purpose begins with allowing His Word to shape our hearts. As Christ transforms us from within, everything we say and do becomes an opportunity to honor Him, serve others, and bring glory to His name.

Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

1 Peter 4:10-11--These verses remind us that God has uniquely gifted every believer to serve others for His glory. As we faithfully use the gifts and abilities He has entrusted to us, depending on His strength rather than our own, our lives become a testimony that points others to Jesus Christ and brings glory to God.

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve on another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.

Matthew 5:16--Our lives should point others to God so that He receives the glory through the way we live and serve.

In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Philippians 1:6—These verses assure us that God's work in our lives is ongoing. From the moment we trusted Christ, He has been faithfully transforming us, preparing us for His purpose, and completing the good work He began in us as we serve Him and encourage others.

Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

2 Corinthians 5:17–20--Shows that transformed people become Christ's ambassadors, preparing the reader for the next paper on the Great Commission.

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So, we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"

Matthew 28:19–20--Introduces the ultimate purpose of every disciple—to go, make disciples, and help others begin their own transformation journey. This serves as the bridge into Paper 8.

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

These Scriptures reveal that God created every believer with a unique purpose and has been faithfully working throughout their entire life to accomplish His plans.

They remind us that our calling is not something we must strive to create but something we discover as we grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ. God's Word teaches that He redeems every part of our story, equips us through His Spirit, and uses our gifts, experiences, and even our hardships for His glory and the good of others. As you study these passages, ask the Lord to help you see His faithful hand at work in your life and to lead you into the purpose He has prepared for you from the very beginning.



Welcome and Encouragement

Have you ever wondered, "Why am I here?" or "Does God really have a purpose for my life?" Perhaps you have looked back over your life and questioned why God allowed certain experiences, hardships, or seasons of waiting. You may even feel like you have wasted years or missed His plan altogether. The wonderful truth of Scripture is that God wastes nothing. Every season, every lesson, every victory, and every trial can become part of His greater purpose as He shapes us to become more like Jesus Christ.

Throughout this **Transformation Journey**, you have discovered that God meets us where we are, invites us to surrender to Him, brings healing to our broken places, teaches us our identity in Christ, renews our minds with His truth, and calls us to walk with Him each day. None of these steps were random. They have all been preparing you to faithfully live the life God has created you to live and to glorify Him through it.

One of the greatest lessons God has taught me is that His calling unfolds over time as we faithfully follow Him. Looking back, I can now see that He was working throughout every season of my life—even the ones I did not understand—to prepare me for the ministry He has entrusted to me today: encouraging broken, hurting, and spiritually weary people with the hope, healing, and transforming truth found in Jesus Christ. His purpose was never simply about what I would do for Him; it was first about becoming who He was creating me to be.

As you read this paper, I pray you will begin to see your own story through God's eyes. Ask Him to reveal how He has been faithfully shaping your life and preparing you to walk in the purpose He has planned for you. Remember, God's calling is not about becoming someone extraordinary in the world's eyes—it is about faithfully following Jesus Christ, allowing Him to transform your life, and using everything He has entrusted to you for His glory.



What God's Word Teaches

From the very beginning, God created every person with purpose. Your life is not an accident, and your story is not without meaning.

Before you were born, God knew you, loved you, and had a plan for your life. His desire has always been that you would know Him, become more like His Son, and glorify Him through the life He has entrusted to you (**Jeremiah 1:5; Psalm 139:13–16**).

When you placed your faith in Jesus Christ, you did more than receive forgiveness for your sins—you became a new creation. God began transforming you from the inside out, preparing you to walk in the good works He had already planned for you. Your purpose is not something you create on your own; it is something you discover as you faithfully follow Christ (**2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:10**).

God never promises that the journey will be easy, but He does promise that He is working in every season of your life. Even your pain, disappointments, failures, and hardships are not wasted when they are surrendered to Him. In His hands, every part of your story can be redeemed for His glory and your good (**Genesis 50:20**).

Romans 8:28

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

The Lord also teaches that discovering His purpose is not about finding the perfect career or accomplishing great things by the world's standards. His first desire is that you become more like Jesus. As you abide in Christ, obey His Word, and allow the Holy Spirit to transform your heart, He faithfully reveals each step of His calling (**John 15:4–5; Romans 12:1–2; Philippians 2:13**).

God has uniquely gifted every believer to serve others and build up the body of Christ. No gift, experience, or testimony is insignificant in His Kingdom. He equips each of His children to faithfully serve according to His purpose, bringing glory to Him and encouragement to others (**Romans 12:4–8; 1 Corinthians 12:4–7**).

1 Peter 4:10

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

Most importantly, God's purpose for your life is never just about you. As He transforms you, He prepares you to become a light to others, reflecting His love, sharing His truth, and pointing people to Jesus Christ. Every step of your journey is preparing you to participate in His mission and to help others follow Him (**Matthew 5:16; 2 Corinthians 5:18–20; Matthew 28:19–20**).

As you continue walking with Jesus, trust that He is faithfully completing the work He began in you. He will continue leading, equipping, and strengthening you as you walk in obedience to His calling, one faithful step at a time (**Philippians 1:6; Proverbs 3:5–6**).



Why This Matters

God never calls us simply to accomplish a task—He first calls us to know Him, love Him, and become more like His Son.

As He transforms our hearts, He faithfully reveals how He has been preparing us to live for His glory. His calling is not based on our abilities, our past, or our accomplishments. It is rooted in His grace, His faithfulness, and His sovereign plan (**Ephesians 2:10; Philippians 2:12–13**).

For many years, I did not understand that truth. Looking back now, I can clearly see that God was faithfully working long before I recognized His hand. As a child, I experienced abuse, rejection, broken relationships, and deep emotional pain. Those experiences shaped how I viewed myself and left me believing my life had little value. At the time, I could not imagine that God could ever use those experiences for His glory. Yet His Word reminds us that He is always working for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose (**Romans 8:26–28**).

Then, in His perfect timing, God brought my husband, Joe, into my life. Through Joe's faithful witness, the Lord lovingly drew me to Jesus Christ, and in 2006 I placed my faith in Him as my Savior. That moment changed my eternal destination, but it was only the beginning of the transformation journey God had planned for me (**2 Corinthians 5:17; Philippians 1:3–6**).

Although I was saved, I did not immediately begin living a fully surrendered life. For nearly fifteen years, God patiently continued working in my heart. He never gave up on me. Instead, He faithfully drew me closer to Himself, teaching me through His Word, growing my faith, and preparing me for what He had planned all along (**Philippians 1:3–6; Philippians 2:12–13**).

As I surrendered more completely to Christ, He gave me a deep hunger to know Him through His Word. He began healing wounds I had carried for decades, renewing my mind with His truth, and teaching me to depend on the Holy Spirit each day. He led me into ministry training, strengthened my understanding of Scripture, and showed me that following Jesus is not simply believing in Him—it is becoming His disciple (**Romans 12:1–2; John 15:4–5; Colossians 3:16–17**).

Then God revealed something that forever changed the way I viewed my life: none of my story had been wasted.

Every hardship, every disappointment, every season of waiting, and every lesson He faithfully carried me through became part of His preparation.

What once seemed meaningless became a testimony of His grace.

What once caused shame became a way to encourage others.

God was using every part of my journey to prepare me for the calling He had placed on my life long before I understood it. **(Ephesians 2:10; Romans 8:26–28).**

Today, I understand that God's calling on my life is not about building my own ministry or accomplishing my own dreams. **My calling is first to know Jesus, become more like Him, and faithfully glorify Him. Out of that relationship, He has called me to encourage broken, hurting, and spiritually weary people by pointing them to the hope, healing, and transforming truth found in Jesus Christ.** Every opportunity I have to write, teach, encourage, or walk beside someone is simply using the gifts He has entrusted to me for His glory **(1 Peter 4:10–11; Colossians 3:16–17).**

The same God who has faithfully guided my journey is faithfully guiding yours. He has not forgotten you, and He has not wasted a single part of your story. Even if you cannot yet see His purpose, trust that He is working. Continue seeking Him, abiding in Christ, and walking in obedience one day at a time. As you do, He will faithfully unfold His plan in His perfect timing and use your life in ways you may never have imagined. **(Proverbs 3:5–6; Philippians 1:3–6).**

As God reveals His purpose, our response should be surrender and willingness. We may not know every detail of where He will lead, but we can place our lives before Him and say, like Isaiah, **"Here I am. Send me"** (Isaiah 6:8). This kind of surrender prepares our hearts for the Great Commission, where Jesus calls every disciple to go, make disciples, and faithfully share His truth with others.

Remember, God's greatest purpose is not simply what you do for Him—it is who you become in Him. As you become more like Christ, He will lead you into the good works He has already prepared for you (Ephesians 2:10).



A Desire to Discover God's Purpose

Before reading the statements below, take a few quiet moments with the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal where He is leading you and what He desires to continue developing in your life. As you read each statement, choose one area where you sense God inviting you to grow.

Once you have identified that area:

1. Read and study the Scripture connected to it, asking God to teach you, His truth.
2. Pray, inviting the Holy Spirit to transform your heart and help you apply His Word to your life (James 1:22).

3. Take one step of obedience this week, trusting that God will faithfully guide you as you walk with Him (Philippians 2:12–13).

Remember, walking in God's calling is not about taking one giant leap. It is about faithfully walking with Jesus one step at a time.

Prayerfully consider these desires:

- I desire to trust that God has a purpose for my life, even when I cannot yet see His plan.
Scripture: **Proverbs 3:5–6**
God says: *"Trust Me with all your heart. As you acknowledge Me in every area of your life, I will faithfully direct your path."*
- I desire to believe that God can redeem every part of my story for His glory.
Scripture: **Romans 8:26–28**
God says: *"Nothing you have surrendered to Me is wasted. I am working through every season of your life to accomplish My good purpose."*
- I desire to become the person God created me to be before focusing on what He wants me to do.
Scripture: **Ephesians 2:10**
God says: *"I am My workmanship in you. I am shaping you into the person I created you to be and preparing you for the good work I planned for you."*
- I desire to faithfully use the gifts and experiences God has given me to serve others.
Scripture: **1 Peter 4:10–11**
God says: *"I have uniquely gifted you. Serve others in My strength so that I receive the glory through your life."*
- ☐ I desire to seek God's will each day instead of relying on my own understanding.
Scripture: **Philippians 2:12–13**
God says: *"Walk with Me daily. I am working within you, giving you both the desire and the strength to accomplish My purpose."*
- I desire for every part of my life to glorify Jesus Christ.
Scripture: **Colossians 3:16–17**
God says: *"Let My Word fill your heart and let everything you say and do reflect My love, My truth, and My glory."*

Preparing Your Heart for God's Truth

Take a few quiet moments to reflect on the desire you selected in the previous section. Bring it before the Lord in prayer, asking Him to reveal His truth through His Word. Remember, discovering God's purpose is not about following your feelings, comparing yourself to others, or trying to figure everything out on your own. God's purpose is revealed as you grow in your

relationship with Jesus Christ, abide in His Word, and faithfully follow where He leads (**Proverbs 3:5–6; John 15:4–5**).

As you read the biblical truths that follow, invite the Holy Spirit to teach you, renew your mind, and help you apply God's Word to your life (**John 14:26; Romans 12:2**). Listen carefully to what Jesus is saying to you. Allow His truth to encourage your heart, strengthen your faith, and remind you that He has been faithfully working throughout your life—even in the seasons you did not understand (**Philippians 2:13; Romans 8:26–28**).

Don't simply read these truths—pray over them, meditate on them, and ask God to show you how they apply to your life today. As you take one faithful step of obedience at a time, trust that the Lord will continue revealing the purpose He has prepared for you and will equip you to fulfill it for His glory (**James 1:22–25; Philippians 1:6**).

Jesus says...

"My child, I created you with purpose, and I have never stopped working in your life. Before you knew Me, I knew you. Before you understood My plan, I was preparing your heart. As you remain close to Me, trust My Word, and walk in faithful obedience, I will continue revealing the purpose I have prepared for you. Do not fear the future or dwell on the past. Keep your eyes on Me, and I will faithfully lead you one step at a time. Listen to My truth, believe My promises, and allow Me to transform your life for My glory."



Biblical Truth

Jesus says...

"My child, you do not have to wonder whether your life has purpose because I created you with one. Before you were born, I knew you, loved you, and prepared a plan for your life. I formed you according to My perfect wisdom, and nothing about your life has escaped My notice. Trust Me, for I am faithfully leading you according to My will."
(**Jeremiah 1:5; Psalm 139:13–16; Proverbs 3:5–6**)

"When you cannot see where I am leading, do not lose heart. I ask you to trust Me, not your own understanding. Even when your path seems uncertain, I am directing your steps. Walk by faith, remain close to Me, and I will reveal what you need to know at the right time." (**Proverbs 3:5–6; John 15:4–5**)

"Do not believe that your pain, failures, disappointments, or years of waiting have been wasted. I have been with you through every season of your life. Even if the things meant to harm you, I could redeem for My glory and for your good. I am working in ways you cannot always see, accomplishing My purpose one step at a time." (**Romans 8:26–28; Genesis 50:20**)

"Do not focus first on what you will do for Me. Allow Me to first transform who you are. As you remain in Me and My Word remain in you, I will shape your heart, renew

your mind, and make you more like Me. Out of that relationship, I will reveal the good work prepared for you long ago.” (John 15:4–5; Romans 12:1–2; Ephesians 2:10)

“I have uniquely gifted you, and I have entrusted you with experiences that I will use for My glory. Do not compare yourself to others or believe your gifts are too small. Faithfully use what I have given you, depending on My strength rather than your own. As you serve others with humility and love, My name will be glorified.” (1 Peter 4:10–11; Romans 12:4–8; 1 Corinthians 12:4–7)

“Let My Word fill your heart and guide your thoughts, your words, and your actions. Whatever you do, do it in My name and for My glory. Your purpose is not limited to one place or one season of life. Every conversation, every act of kindness, every opportunity to serve, and every step of obedience becomes an opportunity to reflect My love to the world.” (Colossians 3:16–17; Matthew 5:16)

“Do not fear that you are unable to fulfill My calling. I have never asked you to accomplish My purpose in your own strength. I am continually working within you, giving you both the desire and the power to do what pleases Me. The work I began in you, I will faithfully continue until it is complete.” (Philippians 2:12–13; Philippians 1:3–6)

“Remember this above all else: My purpose for your life begins with knowing Me. As you faithfully follow Me each day, I will continue revealing My will, strengthening your faith, and leading you into the plans I have prepared for you. Stay close to Me, trust My promises, and walk one step at a time. I am faithful, and I will complete what I have begun in you.” (John 15:4–5; Ephesians 2:10; Philippians 1:3–6)

God's purpose is not discovered simply by gaining more knowledge—it is revealed as we faithfully walk with Jesus day by day, obey His Word, and trust His leading.

Every step of obedience, every moment spent in His Word, every prayer offered in faith, and every opportunity to trust Him becomes part of the journey He is using to shape us into the people He created us to be.

God's calling is not a destination you suddenly arrive at. It is the lifelong process of abiding in Christ, following His leading, and allowing Him to faithfully unfold His plan one step at a time. As you walk with Him, you will begin to see that His calling is not merely about what you accomplish—it is about becoming more like Jesus and allowing Him to work through your life for His glory.



Walking with Jesus Today

Faithfully walking in God's calling begins long before He reveals the full picture. It begins with choosing each day to seek Jesus, trust His Word, and faithfully obey the next step He places before you. The more you know Him, the more clearly you will recognize His voice and the direction He is leading you (**John 10:27; John 15:4–5**).

For many years, I believed that discovering God's purpose would happen through one defining moment. Instead, I learned that God revealed His calling little by little as I faithfully walked with Him. He didn't show me the entire path at once. He simply invited me to trust Him with the next step.

As I spent time reading His Word, praying, and learning to depend on the Holy Spirit, God began changing my heart before He ever revealed my ministry. He healed wounds that had shaped my identity, renewed my thinking through Scripture, and taught me to see my life through His eyes instead of my own (**Romans 12:2; Philippians 2:12–13**).

As my relationship with Christ deepened, He opened doors I never expected. He led me to study His Word more deeply, pursue ministry training, and grow in my understanding of spiritual formation. Through every lesson, every assignment, and every season of growth, He was preparing me—not simply to gain knowledge, but to know Him more intimately and become more like Jesus (**Philippians 1:6; Colossians 3:16–17**).

Over time, God helped me understand that every experience He had allowed in my life could become part of my testimony. The pain I once wanted to hide became a way to encourage others. The healing He brought became evidence of His faithfulness. The truth He patiently taught me became the message He now calls me to share with those who are broken, hurting, and spiritually weary. Looking back, I can now see that He was preparing me long before I realized what He was doing (**Romans 8:26–28; 2 Corinthians 1:3–4**).

Jesus is doing the same work in your life. You may not know where He is leading, but you can trust the One who is leading you. Continue seeking Him through His Word, praying for wisdom, serving faithfully where He has placed you, and taking each step in obedience. As you do, you will discover that God's purpose is not found by chasing a future destination—it is found by faithfully walking with Jesus today (**Proverbs 3:5–6; Ephesians 2:10**).

Remember, God's greatest calling is not first to a ministry, a career, or a position.

His greatest calling is to Himself.

As you abide in Christ, He will faithfully reveal the purpose He has prepared for your life and use your story to bring hope, encouragement, and glory to His name.



Why This Matters

Living for God's glory matters because God never intended for His children to simply exist—He created us to know Him, glorify Him, and faithfully participate in His work.

From the beginning, His desire has been that we would become more like Jesus Christ and reflect His love to the world (**Ephesians 2:10; Colossians 3:16–17**). When we understand this truth, our lives are no longer defined by our past, our failures, or our circumstances. Instead, they are defined by God's calling and His faithfulness.

Many people spend their lives searching for significance in careers, achievements, possessions, or the approval of others. While those things may have value, they can never fulfill the purpose for which God created us. True purpose is found only in a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. As we abide in Him, He transforms our hearts, directs our steps, and reveals His will one day at a time (**John 15:4–5; Proverbs 3:5–6**).

Looking back over my own life, I can now see that God's purpose was never simply to bring me through difficult seasons—it was to use those seasons to shape me into the woman He created me to be. The abuse, rejection, grief, disappointments, and years of wondering "why" did not have the final word. God's grace did. What once seemed like broken pieces became part of the testimony He now allows me to share with others. **Through His healing, His Word, and His faithful presence, He showed me that nothing surrendered to Him is ever wasted** (**Romans 8:26–28; 2 Corinthians 5:17**).

One of the greatest lessons God has taught me is that His calling is revealed through faithful obedience, not instant understanding.

When I surrendered my life more completely to Him, He did not immediately show me everything He had planned. Instead, He invited me to trust Him one step at a time. As I remained in His Word, pursued Him through prayer, and allowed Him to transform my heart, He gradually revealed His purpose and opened doors I could never have imagined (**Philippians 2:12–13; Philippians 1:3–6**).

The same is true for you. God is not asking you to have your entire future figured out today. He is asking you to trust Him with today's step. As you faithfully follow Jesus, He will continue to shape your character, strengthen your faith, and prepare you for the good works He has already planned for your life (**Ephesians 2:10; Philippians 2:13**).

Perhaps you still struggle to see how God could use your life. If so, remember this: God specializes in redeeming what seems broken, restoring what seems lost, and using ordinary people for His extraordinary purposes. He has not forgotten you. He has not

abandoned His plan for your life. The Lord who began His good work in you is still faithfully working, and He will continue that work until the day Christ Jesus returns (Philippians 1:3–6).

Your greatest purpose is not to build your own kingdom—it is to faithfully follow Jesus, become more like Him, and allow Him to use your life so that others will come to know and glorify Him. As you do, you will discover that His purpose has been unfolding throughout your entire journey, preparing you for the mission He will soon place before you.



Reflection Questions

Before answering these questions, spend a few quiet moments with the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit to search your heart and reveal anything that may be keeping you from fully embracing the purpose God has for your life. Be honest with Him. There are no perfect answers—only an opportunity to listen to His voice, surrender your heart, and take another step in your journey with Christ.

1. What beliefs, fears, past experiences, or areas of unbelief may be preventing me from fully trusting God's purpose and moving forward in His calling?

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1–2; Proverbs 3:5–6

God says: *"Lay aside every weight that hinders you and fix your eyes on Me. Trust Me with all your heart, and I will faithfully direct your path."*

2. Am I willing to surrender my own plans and trust God's timing, even when I cannot see the entire path He has prepared for me?

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5–6; Philippians 2:12–13

God says: *"Follow Me one step at a time. As you trust and obey Me, I will guide you according to My perfect will and give you the strength to accomplish what I have prepared for you."*

3. What is one area of my life where God is inviting me to grow so I can become more like Jesus and better reflect His love to others?

Scripture: Romans 12:1–2; John 15:4–5

God says: *"Remain in Me, and I will continue transforming your heart. As you abide in Me, I will produce My character and My fruit in your life."*

4. How is God inviting me to use my gifts, experiences, and testimony to encourage others as He prepares me for His greater mission?

Scripture: 1 Peter 4:10–11; Ephesians 2:10

God says: *"I have uniquely gifted you and prepared good works for you. Faithfully use what I have entrusted to you, and I will use your life to bring glory to My name and hope to others."*

Closing Reflection

As you finish this paper, remember that God's purpose is not something you achieve — it is a life you faithfully walk each day with Jesus. Every step of obedience is preparing you for something greater than yourself. In the next paper, you will discover that every follower of Christ shares one ultimate calling: to go, make disciples, and encourage others to know and follow Him (Matthew 28:19–20). As you continue surrendering your life to Christ, trust that He is preparing you for that mission, one faithful step at a time

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for never giving up on me. Thank You for loving me through every season of my life and faithfully leading me according to Your perfect plan. Thank You for taking the broken pieces of my story and transforming them into a testimony of Your grace. Thank You for patiently shaping my heart, revealing my purpose, and calling me to serve You by encouraging others with the hope and truth found in Jesus Christ. May my life always bring glory to You, and may I remain faithful to the calling You have entrusted to me. In Jesus' name,

Amen.

A Prayer for You

Heavenly Father,

I pray for every person reading these words. Draw them closer to You each day and help them trust that You have a purpose for their life. Open their eyes to see Your faithful hand at work, strengthen them to walk in obedience, and give them the courage to follow wherever You lead. Continue transforming them into the likeness of Jesus Christ, preparing them for every good work You have planned, and filling them with the joy of serving You. May their lives reflect Your love and bring glory to Your name. In Jesus' name,

Amen.



Journal Prompt

Spend time with the Lord as you reflect on your journey. Looking back over your life, where can you now see God's faithful hand preparing you for His purpose? What is one area where you sense Him asking you to trust Him more fully and take your next step of obedience? Write your thoughts, the Scriptures that encourage you, and the prayer you want to offer to God as you continue following His calling.

This Week's Challenge

This week, intentionally seek God's purpose each day.

Each morning, pray:

"Lord, help me know You more, become more like Jesus, and faithfully walk in the purpose You have prepared for me today. Show me one opportunity to glorify You and one person I can encourage in Your name."

Then:

- Spend time in God's Word each day, asking the Holy Spirit to teach you.
- Take one intentional step of obedience toward the purpose God is revealing.
- Look for one opportunity to encourage or serve someone, trusting that God is preparing you for the greater mission He has called every disciple to fulfill.

At the end of the week, take time to thank God for how He worked in your heart and write down what He taught you. Remember, God's purpose is discovered one faithful step of obedience at a time, and every step prepares you to share His love and truth with others.

Memory Verse

Ephesians 2:10

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Why memorize this verse?

This verse reminds us that your life is not an accident. God created you, redeemed you through Jesus Christ, and has been preparing you throughout your life for the good works He planned long ago. As you hide this truth in your heart, it will help you trust His purpose, walk in obedience, and confidently follow wherever He leads.

Supporting Memory Scriptures

Philippians 2:12–13--These verses remind us that God's purpose is lived out through daily obedience. As we faithfully follow Christ, God Himself works within us, giving us both the desire and the strength to accomplish His will.

Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

Romans 8:26–28--These verses assure us that God is always working, even in our weakness and in seasons we do not understand. He faithfully uses every part of our story to accomplish His good purpose and bring glory to Himself.

And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will. And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

1 Peter 4:10–11--These verses teach that every believer has been uniquely gifted by God to serve others. As we faithfully use those gifts in His strength, our lives become a testimony of His grace and bring glory to Him.

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies.

Worship Songs to Reinforce This Truth

"The Commission" – CAIN

This song beautifully reminds us that every follower of Jesus has been called to live on mission and faithfully share His hope with others. It serves as a wonderful bridge into the final paper on the Great Commission.

"Do It Again" – Elevation Worship

This song encourages us to trust God's faithfulness. Just as He has been faithful throughout our journey, He will continue leading us into the purpose He has prepared for our lives.

"Build My Life" – Pat Barrett

A powerful prayer of surrender that focuses on building your life upon Jesus Christ. It reminds us that our purpose begins with knowing Him and allowing Him to shape every part of our lives before He sends us to serve others.

Living God's Purpose

As you memorize these Scriptures and spend time worshiping, ask the Lord to renew your mind with His truth and strengthen your faith. The more you know His Word and abide in His presence, the more clearly you will recognize His voice, trust His leading, and faithfully walk in the purpose He has prepared for you. Every step of obedience today is preparing you for the mission Christ will entrust to you tomorrow.

Looking Ahead

Throughout this **Transformation Journey**, you have discovered that Jesus meets you where you are, invites you to surrender your life to Him, brings healing to your broken places, teaches you your identity in Christ, renews your mind with His truth, and calls you to walk with Him each day. As you have faithfully followed Him, He has been preparing your heart, revealing His purpose, and shaping you into the person He created you to be.

But God's purpose has always been greater than your own transformation.

Jesus transforms us so that we might reflect His love and faithfully participate in His mission. Every lesson you have learned, every step of healing, every truth you have embraced, and every act of obedience has been preparing you for something greater than yourself. He now invites you to join Him in helping others begin their own transformation journey.

In our final paper, **Go and Encourage Others**, we will explore **Jesus' Great Commission in Matthew 28:19–20** and discover what it truly means to live as His disciple. You will learn how God can use your testimony, your gifts, and your daily walk with Him to encourage others, make disciples, and faithfully share the hope of Jesus Christ with the world.

Closing Blessing

May the Lord continue to strengthen your faith as you walk in the purpose He has prepared for you. May He fill you with wisdom through His Word, courage through His Spirit, and peace as you trust His leading one step at a time. May your life continually reflect the character of Jesus Christ, bringing hope to the hurting, encouragement to the weary, and glory to God in everything you do.

As you continue following Christ, remember that His greatest calling is not simply to discover your purpose—it is to faithfully become His disciple. As you abide in Him, He will continue transforming your life and preparing you to fulfill His mission until the day you stand in His presence.

May you walk confidently, love deeply, serve faithfully, and trust completely, knowing that the One who called you is faithful, and He will accomplish His purpose through your life.

Welcome to the Final Stage of Your Transformation Journey

The next step is not the end of your journey—it is the beginning of living out everything God has been preparing you for. As a disciple of Jesus Christ, you are now invited to join Him in His mission of bringing hope, truth, and the gospel to others. Together, we will discover what it means to faithfully obey His command:

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19–20)

Welcome to the final stage of your Transformation Journey.

Welcome to living as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Final Thought

God did not rescue you simply so your story would end with you. He rescued you so that others might come to know Jesus Christ through the life He is transforming in you. As you faithfully follow Him, may your life become an invitation for others to begin their own Transformation Journey and discover the same hope, healing, and grace you have found in Him.

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