



Ephesians 2:10 *For we are His workmanship (personal masterpiece), created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. (Psalms 139:13-18)*

It seems to be normal to drift and deal with each day in a pragmatic way without ever setting significant goals. However, great achievers saw their purpose and *pushed through* great challenges to pursue that purpose at all cost.

1. **God's purpose was worked out through Joseph's life of challenges, faithfulness, and promotion, resulting in saving the lives of God's family!**

- A. Joseph's dreams | Genesis 37:5-11.
- B. His challenges | Genesis 37:18-36 (sold into slavery), Genesis 39:11-23 (Wrongfully accused and imprisoned), Genesis 40:9-23 (Interpreted dreams but forgotten in prison).
- C. His promotion | Genesis 41:14-49 (Joseph correctly interpreted Pharaoh's dreams and was promoted).
- D. The fulfillment | Genesis 45:1-15 (Joseph reveals himself to his brothers), Genesis 50:15-21 (The reason for his dreams and his purpose).
 - (19-21) *Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive... And he comforted them and spoke kindly to their hearts.*

2. **Our purpose encompasses the call of God on our lives. They are not separate pursuits!** God is the One who places in us a desire to make a significant difference in the world for His Kingdom. (David's desire to build God's House in 2 Samuel 7:1-17)

3. **Three important steps...**

- A. **Discover** your purpose in His Presence.
 - Jeremiah 33:3 *Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty (previously inaccessible) things, which you do not know.*
- B. **Identify** and take the first step as revealed by the Holy Spirit.
 - Proverbs 3:6 *In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths and remove the obstacles that block and hinder. (Proverbs 16:9; James 2:17)*
- C. **Give** your life away to God's purposes and His people.
 - Matthew 16:24-25 *...whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.*

4. Can you state your purpose and calling at this stage of your journey with the Lord?

- A. What area of life do you have a strong desire to make a significant impact? Make it specific and write it down below. (Habakkuk 2:2)
- B. If you would like to write your own purpose statement scan the QR code or click <https://clr.cm/l7hU>



I have a passion to make a significant impact in...