

November 4 | Sunday

The Hour That Changes Everything: Becoming Purposeful

Read [Luke 4:14-21](#) / [Psalm 139:1-18](#) / [Philippians 2:5-13](#)



05 | Mon – It matters | Read [Acts 13:36](#)

Do you know your purpose in life? If you are a young person, you may be searching for the answer to that question. Or maybe you are older and thought you knew but lately aren't sure. When people know the purpose for their life, they can articulate it. They often ask themselves if their goals and daily choices reflect that purpose. This week might be a good time to reflect on what you hope the outcomes of your life will be.

06 | Tue – Original intent | Read [Genesis 1:26-30](#) and [3:8-10](#) / [Psalm 33:11](#)

If you believe that God created human beings, what do you think was the original intent? There are several reasons mentioned in the Genesis story but the most significant purpose is illustrated by the kind of relationship God had with Adam and Eve. They saw God in person, had two-way conversations, and walked with Him in the garden. Is that part of God's purpose for you? That you would grow to know him personally? How does that happen for you?

07 | Wed – Life on purpose | Read [Luke 4:14-21](#) / [John 17:4](#)

Jesus lived with intentionality. At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus described his purpose and then carried it out for the next three years. At his final meal with the disciples, Jesus declared that his work was finished. What a wonderful thing to be able to say at the end of your life! Knowing his purpose allowed Jesus to make daily decisions as he fulfilled his calling. What can you do to follow Jesus' example of being intentional in how you live right now?

08 | Thu – Autopilot | Read [Acts 26:4-18](#)

Saul started out completely committed to doing God's will. As a religious leader, that was his sole purpose in life. Somewhere along the line, he got so confident he stopped listening to God and began to destroy what God was building. It took a divine encounter to break the grip of that 'purpose' and set him on the right track. This transformation even resulted in a name change (to Paul). How often do you re-evaluate the purpose that drives your choices?

09 | Fri – For such a time as this | Read [Esther 4:1-16](#) (especially verse 14)

Esther lived in a culture where she had very little say about her life. She had suffered the loss of her parents, was adopted by an uncle, and grew up in obscurity. Yet God had a very specific purpose for this unknown young woman. Although the king was captivated by her beauty, is it her character which made him choose her as his queen? Whatever the case, Esther was ready when her purpose became clear. Are you ready for what happens next?

10 | Sat – Getting personal | Read [Philippians 3:4-14](#)

So why do you think God created *you*? Do you know what God's plan and purposes are for your life? Too often we think it is connected to the kind of work we do or the things we accomplish. You might be very successful in meeting goals or receive affirmations for your efforts but God is most interested in your heart. How well do you know Him? How much do you love Him? How willing are you to serve at His direction?