

Fire in the Belly

Session 4: The Passion for Purpose

Psalm 139:13-16

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place.

When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body.

All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

I. Created on purpose, for a purpose

- You are not an accident
- Your life is intentional

II. Our purpose is found in God's purpose

Ecclesiastes 2:24-26

A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, for without him who can eat or find enjoyment? To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

- God's purpose is to redeem all things
- Our purpose is to please God

III. Right purpose creates right passion

Philippians 3:12-14

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me, Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

- Passion is knowing the goal
- Passion is trusting the reward

Discussion Questions:

1. Give an example of a time early in your life when you set a goal and then worked to achieve that goal (whether or not you actually achieved the goal).
2. What was “the purpose of life” for you at age 21? How had that changed, if at all, by age 30?
3. Can you articulate the three most important purposes of your life right now?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____