

LIVING WITH AN UNSTOPPABLE PURPOSE **THE UNSTOPPABLE LIFE**

GOD HAS A PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE

"For we are God's [workmanship], created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

I. IF I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE PURPOSE OF LIFE...

... LIFE SEEMS USELESS

"... Life is useless, all useless. You spend your life working... [but] what do you have to show for it? ... The world just stays the same."

Ecclesiastes 1:2-4 (GNT)

... LIFE SEEMS TIRESOME

"... Everything leads to weariness..." Ecclesiastes 1:4-8 (GN)

... LIFE SEEMS UNFULFILLING

"... No matter how much we see, we are never satisfied; no matter how much we hear, we are not content. History merely repeats itself."

Ecclesiastes 1:8-10 (TLB)

... LIFE SEEMS INSIGNIFICANT

"No one remembers what has happened in the past, and no one in days to come will remember what happens between now and then."

Ecclesiastes 1:11 (GNT)

... LIFE SEEMS UNCONTROLLABLE

"You can't straighten out what is crooked; you can't count things that aren't there!" Ecclesiastes 1:15 (GNT)

THE BENEFITS OF LIVING A PURPOSE DRIVEN-LIFE

1. PURPOSE GIVES DIRECTION

"The LORD will guide you always; He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame..." Isaiah 58:11 (NIV)

2. PURPOSE BRINGS CLARITY

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you." Psalm 32:8 (NIV)

3. PURPOSE IGNITES PASSION

Paul: *"But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God."* Acts 20:24 (NLT)

4. PURPOSE INCREASES FOCUS

Paul: *"... I am bringing all my energies to bear on this one thing: Forgetting [what is behind] and looking forward to what lies ahead."* Philippians 3:13 (TLB)

5. PURPOSE BUILDS RESILIENCE

Paul: *"We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed."* 2 Corinthians 4:8–9 (NIV)

"... Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith..."

Hebrews 12:1–2 (NIV)

HOW TO GET STARTED

- **IDENTIFY** what's been driving my life so far.
"Pay close attention to how you live..." Ephesians 5:15

- **BELIEVE** God has a purpose for my life.
"God [is our Maker], and in our union with Christ, He has created us for a life of good [works], which He has already prepared for us to do." Ephesians 2:10 (GNT)

- **RECEIVE** God's Son into my life.
"Long ago, even before He made the world, God choose us to be His very own through what Christ would do for us ... His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into His own family by sending Jesus Christ to die for us. And He did this because He wanted to!" Ephesians 1:4-5 (TLB)