

Living With Purpose and Power - Week 1

“The Unique You”



*You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body
and knit me together in my mother's womb.
Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex!
Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.
You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion,
as I was woven together in the dark of the womb.
You saw me before I was born.
Every day of my life was recorded in your book.
Every moment was laid out
before a single day had passed.” Psalm 139:13-16*

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- In this class, we are going to discover a few things about ourselves and about life.
- We are going to lay the groundwork for answering some burning questions that can change the course of our lives.

Questions that each one of us has contemplated:

What is my purpose? I know I have potential, how do I fulfill my greatest potential? What are my abilities, gifts and talents? What does success look like in my life? What are some challenges to fulfilling my purpose?

But the first question we will explore is:
Who am I? / What is my identity?

**When we meet someone, one of the first questions we ask is
“what do you do, what’s your role?”**

These are many categories we use to define ourselves and that others use to tell us our worth. But, last but not least, **the only identifier that really matters: Your identity in Christ.**

The Truth

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Believe it or not—no one else is just like you. Your physical appearance, your voice and personality traits—your habits, intelligence, personal tastes—all these make you one of a kind. You are not the product of some cosmic assembly line; you are unique. **You may not feel like a masterpiece.** There are times when we feel anything but! But the Lord wants us to know how much He loves us and that He is with us even in times of despair.

Before architects design any new building they first ask, "What will be its purpose? How will it be used?" The intended function always determines the form of the building.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. **Ephesians 2:10**

But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. **Matthew 10:30**

Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him in love **Ephesians 1:4**

There are those who have this totally in reverse. They think that God should cater to our every need and provide us with all of our desires. But God has made us for His glory and to serve Him.

Enjoy Who God Created You to Be

Start believing today that you are a rare, one-of-a-kind, valuable and precious.

1. **Speak good things about yourself.**
2. **Avoid comparing yourself with other people.**
3. **Focus on your potential instead of your limitations.**
4. **Learn to cope with criticism**

Remember this: **God will never anoint you to be anyone other than yourself.** God is proud of who He made you to be!

Your hands shaped me and made me. Job 10:8 (NIV)

Knowing all of that, I invite you to consider this important fact: **when you are clear about what makes you a unique individual, you can then better understand what it is that you can give to others. You can know your unique place in the world and the purpose that God has for you.**

Next week we will define and explore PURPOSE.