



Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

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When we look into God's Holy Word, we clearly see, **we are called** to encourage all people into a relationship with Jesus Christ.

The Apostle Paul writes to the Church at Rome,

Romans 8:28-30 – *“And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to **those who are called** according to **His purpose**. 29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; 30 and these whom He predestined, He also **called**; and these whom He **called**, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.”*

Again, verse 28 – “ ... according to His purpose.”

We must ask ourselves this question, up until this very day, *“What has been my foremost purpose?”*

What is God's purpose for you? What is this calling? He is God, and God created you.

Think about it, ***just as ships are built to sail the seas, planes are built to fly in the sky, and houses are built to be lived in, so have you been created by God for a purpose.***

Here is God's purpose, therefore, your purpose!

Jesus said in **Luke 19:10** – *“For the Son of Man has come **to seek** and **to save** that which was lost.”*

John 20:21 - Jesus said to His disciples (**That includes you and me**) *“Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, **I also send you**.”*

We are to seek those who are lost and ... ***encourage them them into a relationship with Jesus Christ.***

Will you decide to simply begin?

Now, what holds us back from carrying on what Jesus did?



What slows down or stops our calling to ... *live according to God's purpose?*

Jesus, Who saved you and me said in **Mark 8:36** – *“For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?”*

Jesus, Who saved you and me said in **Luke 12:15** - *“Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions.”*

Jim Elliot - *“He is no fool, who gives up what he cannot keep, to obtain what he cannot lose.”*

James 4:13-17 - *Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit.” 14 “Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.” 15 Instead, you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that.” 16 “But as it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil. 17 Therefore, to one who knows the Òright thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.”*

Now, there is nothing wrong with planning and doing the best you can, under the control of the Holy Spirit. The problem is that we let this present world - system dictate to us what we are to be all about.

We are to be about this, *seeking and saving the lost and encouraging them in spiritual growth.*

My friend, one way you continually do this is by supporting this ministry. We are on the radio in many places and people are hearing a clear presentation of the gospel and the teaching of what the believer has in Christ for all eternity.

If you need help in knowing more clearly what it means to be a true child of God, write to us and we can send you sermon CDs on the Assurance of Salvation, and instructions on how to be a disciple-maker.

I would like to thank you for praying and supporting me. We all have different ways we serve the Lord and give back to Him. Thank you for making this your ministry and serving along with me. I’m praying right now that God blesses you and causes others to look upon you with favor in your family life and your business life.

Abiding above,



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Colossians 3:1-3