

**Bringing It Home**  
Revelation 22:12-17, Genesis 3:1:15  
November 1, 2015

- What will you do with your life?

1. You were \_\_\_\_\_ by God for this \_\_\_\_\_, for a specific \_\_\_\_\_.

Psalm 139: How intimately God knows us

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**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. ..., your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Proverbs 16: 9: In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps.

- See what God has given you...what will you do with that?

2. We are at \_\_\_\_\_.

Gen 3:15: "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

John 8:44: "You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

- Look around you at the consequences of the devil's work

Revelation 12:9: "The great dragon was hurled down--that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him."

- So what will you do about this? Will you be dangerous for God?
- Go on the offense.

3. We have been given a \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus

- Matthew 28:18-19: make disciples
  - i. Baptizing them
  - ii. Teaching them to obey all I have commanded you
- What is your part in that mission?

4. Pray to align \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ purposes

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- \_\_\_\_\_ me to be more like Jesus.  
Romans 12:1-2: Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.
- \_\_\_\_\_ me into others who will themselves make disciples.  
2 Timothy 2: 2: And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.
- \_\_\_\_\_ workers for the harvest  
Luke 10:2: He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

5. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ as God gives you opportunity

- Joshua. Joshua 1: 1-7: After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them... No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. ... Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go."
- Jehoshaphat. 2 Chronicles 20:20: Early in the morning they left for the Desert of Tekoa. As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the LORD your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful."
- Nehemiah (Nehemiah 1-2)

Will you help \_\_\_\_\_ the mission?

- Pray (align me to God):
  - Mold me into the likeness of Jesus (Romans 12:2)
  - Multiply me into others who will make disciples (2 Timothy 2:2)
  - Mobilize laborers for the harvest (Luke 10:2)
- Listen to God.
- Act as God gives you opportunity.

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- What will you do with your life?
  - Often phrased as “when I grow up.”
  - Three choices: teacher, aeronautical engineering, naval officer.
  - Sometimes our life takes strange turns, equipping us in ways not anticipated. (for me: Toastmaster, cancer)
  - What do I consider in choosing which direction to take?

1. You were made by God for this time and for a specific purpose.

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- Oh – looks like God is pro-life.... Just saying
- Not just those good attributes – even your weaknesses, your hurts, your scars can be used for good.

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- Purpose is not just for salvation. You’ve got work to do.
- See what God has given you...what will you do with that?

2. We are at war.

- We have an ancient enemy. He rebelled against God, and because we are made in God’s image, he seeks to destroy us  
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- Look around you at the consequences of the devil’s work
  - i. Hatred, division, covetousness, theft, addictions (sexual, porn, drug, etc.), suicide, anger, self-loathing
  - ii. Active persecution throughout the world (**prayer service tonight 5:30 pm**)

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- So just to be clear, what has Jesus offered? Salvation
  - So what will you do about this? Will you be dangerous for God?
  - When evil presents itself, be righteous – Go on the offense.
    - i. Love – speak truth – Do as Jesus would do.**
3. We have been given a mission by Jesus – **preach good news to all the world**
- Matthew 28:18-19: make disciples
    - i. Baptizing them
    - ii. Teaching them to obey all I have commanded you
  - Convergence: WPC’s Vision 2020 and vision to complete evangelizing the world by 2020
  - What is your part in that mission? **Let’s bring it home.**
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- Prayer is not to get God to do what you want, but to align yourself with God’s purposes:  
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5. Listen and act as God gives you opportunity
- Joshua  
Joshua 1: 1-7:
    - i. God gave him the battle plan
    - ii. God told him – obey the law in every respect
    - iii. He was successful in every battle
    - iv. Joshua 8 – sun standing still in battle of 5 kings
  - Jehoshaphat  
2 Chronicles 20: Facing 3 armies, Jehoshaphat called a prayer meeting
  - Nehemiah (Nehemiah 1-2):
    - i. Cupbearer to Artaxerxes

- ii. In distress about Jerusalem's ruins
  - iii. God gave him opportunity to speak to the king
  - iv. He acted
  - How might you act?
    - i. Service opportunities (e.g. Food Pantry)
    - ii. Helping others, in Jesus' name
    - iii. Like Nathaniel, "come and see"
    - iv. Offer to pray, to comfort, point to Jesus.
    - v. Pray about an unrighteous situation – ask God to intervene to establish justice and righteousness
    - vi. Go out on a limb for God's sake – let him prove that he will provide.
6. Will you help complete the mission? **Bring it home?**
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  - Listen to God
  - Act

