



Walking faithfully into God's revealed will

Psalm 37:23 The LORD makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him.

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God's Purpose for My Life

Have you ever felt there's something you were meant to do? Most of us aren't struggling with a lack of ability, but with a lack of clarity. We wonder whether what we're doing is really what God wants us to do. We stay busy but feel unfulfilled. But God, the One who created us, did so with purpose in mind. You were not created by accident, you were created with intention!

On the other hand, there are times when God speaks a word into our life that is bigger than our current season. We hear it in prayer, we sense it in our spirit, or we receive it through someone God trusts, yet nothing changes. God often reveals our calling as a **seed**, not as a **harvest**. What He declares in an instant, He confirms through time.

A calling is God's purpose and direction for Your life, revealed as we walk with Him. The Bible has many examples of people who responded to His call. They were equipped for their assignment as they obeyed and walked with Him...

Abraham obeyed without full explanation (Genesis 12:1-4), Moses was called *with* fear and insecurity (Exodus 3-4); Samuel anointed David long before fulfillment (1 Samuel 16; 2 Samuel 5); in uncertainty, Esther was positioned for a specific moment (Esther 4:14); and Paul was called out of a life of persecuting the Church (Acts 9; 16:6-10).

1. God's purpose in us begins with obedience *before* understanding. *Faithfulness to revealed revelation precedes understanding. Like Abraham, God often calls us to move before He explains the destination or assignment. Understanding follows obedience.* (Genesis 12:1-4; Isaiah 6:8-9)

- What has God already revealed to me that I know I am responsible to obey?
- In what areas am I being asked to trust God without full clarity?
- What step of obedience do I sense the Holy Spirit asking me to take now?

2. God directs us as we move forward in faith, not while standing still. *God reveals direction to those who are already walking with Him. Paul did not stop when doors closed, he kept moving and God redirected him.* (Acts 16:6-10)

- Where am I currently serving, praying, or walking faithfully, even if it feels unclear or restricted?
- Have I experienced any closed doors or delays recently? How did I respond?

- As I continue walking with God, what new promptings, burdens, or opportunities am I noticing I me?

3. God's calling is confirmed and fulfilled over time. *David was anointed long before he was appointed. God's call was clear early, but its confirmation unfolded gradually through seasons of obscurity, testing, and faithfulness.*

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It was almost fifteen years from the time David was anointed until he became king over Judah (1 Samuel 16:12-13; 18:14), and about seventeen years before he was crowned king over all Israel (2 Samuel 5:3-4). During those years, David served faithfully right where he was. In time, God made the purpose clear through obedience and testing. As the LORD later declared:

- 2 Samuel 7:8 *This is what the LORD Almighty (Jehovah Sabaoth) says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel.* (Psalm 78:70-71)
- What passions or burdens have consistently remained in my life over time?
- In what ways have past seasons (closed doors, waiting, preparation) shaped me for what God may be calling me to be and do?
- Who has God used to encourage, or confirm direction in my life?

MY PRAYER TO WALK IN GOD'S PURPOSE FOR 2026

UpReach | Psalm 86:11 *Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your Name.*

- LORD, draw me closer to You this year. Deepen my love for You and shape my life by Your wisdom and truth. Lead me in Your ways.

InReach | Hebrews 10:24-25 *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together... but encouraging one another.*

- LORD, as I faithfully walk with You, make me a catalyst for unity and purpose as we strengthen, encourage, and build up Your body, the church.

OutReach | Matthew 9:37-38 *Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."*

- LORD, give me discernment and courage to go where You send me so that those who have not heard may encounter Your grace. Guide my steps as I walk fully in the purpose You have prepared for me.



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