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## Law Enforcement Appreciation

# ***Remembering Your Why*** ***Our Purpose in Christ: Loving Others***

*“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” - John 13:34-35*

### **Two Main Motivators**

**Plans** – Our hopes, desires, dreams, and wants

Our dreams are often focused on ourselves.

Be wary of your dreams outside of God’s will.

*Proverbs 12:14 “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.”*

*Ecclesiastes 2:9-11 “So I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me. <sup>10</sup>And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil. <sup>11</sup>Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.”*

**Purpose** – Our purpose is our promise and our why. It’s our reason for being here.

Our purpose in Christ is always focused on others

♦ Loving God:

*Matthew 22:34-38 “But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. <sup>35</sup>And one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question to test Him. <sup>36</sup>‘Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?’ <sup>37</sup>And He said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup>This is the great and first commandment.’”*

♦ Loving Others:

*Matthew 22:39-40 “And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”*

*John 13:34-35 “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

♦ Telling Others about Jesus:

*Mark 16:15 “And He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.’”*

## The World's Purpose vs Our Purpose

*John 14:6 “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’”*

*Proverbs 3:5-6 “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. <sup>6</sup>In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.”*

*Romans 12:1 “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.”*

## Forgotten Purposes vs Lived Purposes

 Exodus

*Job 2:9-10 “Then his wife said to him, ‘Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die. <sup>10</sup>But he said to her, ‘You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?’ In all this Job did not sin with his lips.”*

 Esther 4

 Acts 7:51-60

## Remembering Who We Are Without Christ

*Isaiah 64:6 “We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.”*

## Remembering Our Purpose While in the Desert

*Matthew 5:45b “...For He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.”*

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 “Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”*

*Ephesians 4:1-2 “I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,”*

## Endnotes:

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