

You're Not What Has Happened to You, Your Who God Says You Are

Story of Jeremiah

Jeremiah 1:4-8 The LORD spoke his word to me, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.

Before you were born, I set you apart for my holy purpose. I appointed you to be a prophet to the nations." I, Jeremiah, said, "Almighty LORD, I do not know how to speak. I am only a boy!" But the LORD said to me, "Don't say that you are only a boy. You will go wherever I send you. You will say whatever I command you to say. Don't be afraid of people. I am with you, and I will rescue you," declares the LORD.

- The Lord has a purpose for your life.
- He knows the gifts and purpose for your life before you are even born.
- Distractions come that lead us away from that purpose.
- However, those distractions are not greater than God's purpose if we will just walk in it by walking with Him, the one who created us for that purpose.
- God is greater than the reason we can't have the thing He wants us to have in our life.

- The devil also has a purpose for your life

John 10:10 The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give life in all its fullness.

- He also has a plan.

2 Co 2:11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices. **Device means** to perceive, a thought, concept of the mind.

- He (devil) uses distractions of the mind to lead you away from **God's gift of life for you**.

THREE BIG DISTRACTIONS

1. Traumatic events in your life you are not over
2. What has been done to you or said about you. In other words how people have treated you
3. What you have done.

How do you overcome them?

- By recognizing when those thoughts are coming and replacing them with thoughts about what God says.
- Speaking God's thoughts and what He says about you out of your mouth.
- Thinking or meditating on God's thoughts and what He says about you.

For Example:

"The thing I am good at is good for mankind and it comes from God."

James 1:17 Whatever is good and perfect comes to us from God above, who created all heaven's lights. Unlike them, he never changes or casts shifting shadows.

"I will stay the course and God will complete in me what He started."

Phil 1:6 And I am convinced and sure of this very thing, that He Who began a good work in you will continue until the day of Jesus Christ [right up to the time of His return], developing [that good work] and perfecting and bringing it to full completion in you.

"God has a plan for my life and it's greater than the sum total of all that has happened in my life."

Jer 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good **and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.**

"God accepts me. He doesn't reject me so therefore I will not be upset because of those that reject me but shouldn't, because God should reject me but he doesn't."

Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. KJV

Eph 1:6 So we praise God for the wonderful kindness he has poured out on us because we belong to his dearly loved Son. NLT

"I am fearfully and wonderfully made by God."

Ps 139:14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, NKJV