



SHIFT: PURPOSE

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Genesis 27:30 (NIV) ISAAC GAVE JACOB A BLESSING

³⁰ After Isaac finished blessing him, and Jacob had scarcely left his father’s presence, his brother Esau came in from hunting.

Genesis 27:35-36 (NIV) ESAU WAS UPSET WITH JACOB SO HE RAN FROM HIM

³⁵ But he said, “Your brother came deceitfully and took your blessing. ³⁶ Esau said, “Isn’t he rightly named Jacob? This is the second time he has taken advantage of me: He took my birthright, and now he’s taken my blessing!” Then he asked, “Haven’t you reserved any blessing for me?”

Genesis 28:10-22 (NIV) GOD GAVE JACOB A PROMISE

¹⁰ Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. ¹¹ When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. ¹² He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ There above it stood the Lord, and he said: “I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. ¹⁴ Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. ¹⁵ I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” ¹⁶ When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it.” ¹⁷ He was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.” ¹⁸ Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz. ²⁰ Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear ²¹ so that I return safely to my father’s household, then the Lord will be my God ²² and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God’s house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth.”

SURROUND YOURSELF WITH PEOPLE OF PURPOSE

1 Timothy 1:5 (NLT) GOD SENDS PEOPLE TO YOU TO DISCOVER YOUR PURPOSE

⁵The **purpose** of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith.

Proverbs 1:2 (NLT) THESE PEOPLE ARE SENT TO TEACH YOU

²Their **purpose** is to teach people wisdom and discipline, to help them understand the insights of the wise.

Ephesians 6:22 (NLT) GOD SENDS PEOPLE TO ENCOURAGE YOU

²²I have sent him to you for this very **purpose**—to let you know how we are doing and to encourage you.

2 Timothy 3:10 (NLT) STUDY THEIR PURPOSE TO DEVELOP YOURS

¹⁰But you, Timothy, certainly know what I teach, and how I live, and what my **purpose** in life is. You know my faith, my patience, my love, and my endurance.

WHERE ARE YOU AT TODAY?

Jeremiah 1:5 (NIV) GOD HAD A PURPOSE FOR YOU BEFORE YOU WERE BORN

⁵“I knew you before I formed you in your mother’s womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations.”

Proverbs 19:21 (NIV) FAILED PLANS WILL ALWAYS BRING US BACK TO HIS PURPOSE

²¹Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.

Isaiah 55:11 (NIV) GOD WILL ACCOMPLISH WHAT HE DESIRES

¹¹so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Romans 8:28-30 (NIV) GOD WILL WORK ALL THINGS TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

Romans 11:29 (NIV) YOU CAN'T DISQUALIFY YOURSELF FROM HIS PURPOSE

²⁹ For God's gifts and his call can never be withdrawn.

IN CLOSING

Mark 4:38 (NIV) JESUS SLEPT ON A PILLOW IN THE STORM

³⁸ Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

Mark 5:1-3 (NIV) PEOPLE ARE COUNTING ON YOU TO GET TO THE OTHER SIDE

¹So they arrived at the other side of the lake, in the region of the Gerasenes. ²When Jesus climbed out of the boat, a man possessed by an evil^[b] spirit came out from the tombs to meet him. ³This man lived in the burial caves and could no longer be restrained, even with a chain.

Genesis 32:28 (NIV) IT'S TIME FOR AN IDENTITY SHIFT

²⁸ Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."
