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PURPOSE FOR DYING (TO SELF)

Dying For Purpose...Live a Life That Outlives This Life

"...give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So, use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God." Romans 6:13b NLT

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must **deny themselves** and take up their cross and **follow me**." **Matthew 16:24** NIV

WHY ARE WE STILL HERE?

• You are part of a <u>spiritual war</u>.

We are human, but we don't **wage war** as humans do. **2 Corinthians 10:3 NLT**

Stay alert! Watch out for your **great enemy**, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. **1 Peter 5:8 NLT**

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. **John 10:10 NIV**

• You have been given a mission.

¹⁸ Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and **make disciples** of all the nations,

baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ **Teach** these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." **Matthew 28: 18-20 NLT**

And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And **God has given us this task** of reconciling people to him. **2 Corinthians 5:18 NLT**

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be **my witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8 NIV

¹ In Caesarea there lived a Roman army officer named Cornelius, who was a captain of the Italian Regiment. ² He was a devout, God-fearing man, as was everyone in his household. He gave generously to the poor and prayed regularly to God. ³ One afternoon about three o'clock, he had a vision in which he saw an angel of God coming toward him. "Cornelius!" the angel said. ⁴ Cornelius stared at him in terror. "What is it, sir?" he asked the angel. And the angel replied, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have been received by God as an offering! ⁵ Now send some men to Joppa, and summon a man named Simon Peter." Acts 10: 1-5 NLT

Journey Church exists to **reach** people who are disconnected from God and **lead** them to become fully devoted **followers** of Christ.

HOW ARE YOU DOING?

"If you love me, obey my commandments." John 14:15 NLT

For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body. **2 Corinthians 5:10 NLT**

And they **have defeated him** by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony. And they did not love their lives so much that they were afraid to die. **Revelation 12:11 NLT**

Next Steps:

- Enlist in the army of God
- Get in the fight
- Go and make disciples