



Let the People Move Up

Hebrews 11:23-29

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How do I discover my purpose?

I have 2 options:

1) Introspection: I can look inward to myself.

Judges 21:25 ...all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes. (NLT)

2) Illumination: I can look upward to God.

Jeremiah 33:3 "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know." (NIV)

Proverbs 9:10 Knowing God results in every other kind of understanding. (TLB)

Ephesians 5:15 Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise.... 17 ...do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. (NIV)

Proverbs 16:4 The LORD has made everything for his own purposes... (NLT)

Proverbs 19:21 Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails. (NIV)

Ephesians 1:11 It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for...part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone. (MSG)

Example: Moses

Numbers 12:3 Now the man Moses was very meek, more than all people who were on the face of the earth. (ESV)

Deuteronomy 34:10 Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. (NIV)

Hebrews 11:23 By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. (NIV)

Purpose Questions

Hebrews 11:24 By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. 25 He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. 26 He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. 27 By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. 28 By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel. 29 By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land... (NIV)

▪ **Identity Question: Who has God called me to be?**
(24)

▪ **Responsibility Question: What should I be doing?** (25)

▪ **Priority Question: What is really important?** (26)

God's Purpose has to be more important to me than:

○ **Power:** "refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter"

○ **Pleasure:** "rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin"

○ **Possessions:** "greater value than the treasures of Egypt"

▪ **Tenacity Question: Do I persevere through difficulty?**
(27)

▪ **Availability Question: Am I open to Moving Up into God's purpose for me?** (28-29)