

## MESSAGE NOTES

## Achieving God's Greatest Purpose and Plan

Jeremiah 29:11-13 Philippians 3:7-14

It's at times like this when a lot of people are struggling that people start asking questions like why am I here? What is my purpose in life? Or maybe you're a Christian and you already know the answers to these questions but you've recently lost or your job or something else has changed in your circumstances that has caused you to reassess what exactly is God's greatest and best purpose and plan for my life.

**Finding faith** The first step in achieving God's greatest purpose and plan for your life is finding faith in Him and establishing your own personal loving relationship with Him.

And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart (Jer 29:13)

If you haven't yet found faith in God, if you haven't yet established your own personal relationship with Him, He has promised that if you seek Him, if you search for Him with all your heart, that you will find Him and that He will then lead you towards His greatest purpose and plan for your life.

## Listening to God's Voice

After finding faith you need to listen to and follow God's voice in order to achieve His greatest purpose and plan for your life. This means spending time in Bible reading and prayer looking for and listening to what God is saying to you about your individual circumstances and then acting upon that.

**Dying to self** The next step is dying to self. You need to prioritize what God wants for you over what you want for yourself.

Luke 9:23-24 "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it."

But what you can also see from these verses is there's no such thing as ultimate self-denial, there's no such thing as ultimate self-sacrifice. God knows what's best for us better than we know what's good for ourselves so when you choose to deny yourself, when you choose to sacrifice anything for God on the contrary that's when you find real life, that's when you come realize all of the fullness of the blessings of God.