

CHAPEL NOTES

THE POWER OF PURPOSE

Acts 9:1-7

Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ And as he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. ⁴ Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" ⁵ And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" And the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads." ⁶ So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" And the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." ⁷ And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one.

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Saul is the enemy of the church because he holds their death warrant in his hand. In **Galatians 1:13**, he says, "I wasted the Church."

Near Damascus, a light shown around him, and he fell to the ground. "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? Why are you kicking against the goads? **You don't know what you were born to do!**

There are two important days in your life:

1. When you were born,
2. When you find out what you were born to do.

87% of American's say that they were born for a reason. Only 13% say they know what it is!

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You will never know your destiny until you meet the God who determined it! As long as you are at odds with your destiny, you will never be happy!

1. HAVING A PURPOSE

If you don't know your purpose and the hope of your calling, you'll start measuring yourself by other people.

Competition and **jealousy** come out of not knowing your purpose.

2. SURROUNDED BY PEOPLE OF LIKE PURPOSE

There is strength in being with people who have the same purpose you do. Don't say, "I can do it." Instead, say, "We can do something that I can never do by myself!"

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The main ingredient of stardom is the rest of the team.

Unity comes when you understand purpose. If you don't understand your purpose, you will sing in the choir and try to out-sing everybody...God says that if you'll get in agreement, in harmony, and in unity, that He will make a personal appearance.

Matthew 18:19

Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.

Some people want to get hundreds of others to pray (and that's great!), but God says, "I'll show up for just two of you"... the point is, it's not the number of people praying, it's the **UNITY** they're praying in.

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The word **Hārām Bā**, which originated in Africa, began as a co-operation to move large objects. It was working together to pull the object, while steadying and supporting one another.

Ecclesiastes 4:12

A cord of three strands is not easily broken.

3. SEEING YOUR PURPOSE FULFILLED

Write down your dream!

The common thread of greatness in every man or woman that has done anything for God, is that they wrote down their dream and never took their eyes off of it.

The eye cannot come off the prize because it's the prize, the goal, and the vision that will tell you when you are off course.

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God does not judge you for where you are... He judges you for what you refuse to become.

Regret is the cancer of life... **"What if?"**

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