

April 2009

Pursuing the Purpose of God

Today's Message: Pursuing Purpose in Pain

1 Samuel 20.30-34;41, 42

April 26, 2009

REVIEW: When you examine the great men and women of purpose in the Bible they were just living life and completing the tasks before them. They possibly had a sense of purpose like we do but they certainly knew nothing of the specifics of their long-term purpose. No one was any more shocked than David when Samuel called on him to be anointed king. And who knew that a simple trip to bring food to his soldier-brothers would make him the greatest warrior in the history of a nation. Who knew that Saul's need for an excellent musician would be one of the ways God would help him become comfortable with "palace" life?

1. Make every act an act of excellence. Dan. 5:12
 - David had a reputation for giving his best.

2. Make every act something that blesses a lost person. *Verse 15*
 - His worship drove the demons out.

3. Make every act something that expands the kingdom. *Mt.6.33*
 - David was literally redefining the worship of Israel.

Sometimes it might be better that we didn't know how much influence that we have.

4. Make every act a preparation for the next act. 1 Sam.17.34
 - David's worship in the fields was rehearsal for what would come next in his life.

Intro:

But don't let my glad expression

Give you the wrong impression

'Cause really I'm sad, Oh I'm sadder than sad

Well I'm hurt and I want my purpose so bad

Like a clown I appear to be glad ooh yeah

Today's Message: Pursuing Purpose in Pain
1 Samuel 20.30-34;41, 42

Intro: (continued)

Purpose is most often pursued in pain. Vision is often seen thru the tears of a clown so we must train ourselves to go after purpose in difficult times. Recessions, through struggle, through divorce, through trials and amazing tribulation the power of purpose is at its best and needed most! Listen to Paul talk about it.....

2 Cor 11:26-27

26 I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren; 27 I have been in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. NASU

In these times its critical that we understand that purpose is our life raft and it keeps us afloat until we can get our bearing and move ahead again.

1. There is a plot to destroy us before we can complete purpose.

- Your place on the throne denies him a future!
- Your place on the throne highlights his failure!
- He wants to dishonor you!

2. There is Someone who is fighting for your purpose.

- You might as well be real with God!

*Now if there's a smile on my face
It's only there trying to fool the public
But when it comes down to fooling You
Now Lord that's quite a different subject*

- He is willing to take a spear for you! **Jn. 19.34**
- He will keep interceding for you. **Ro. 8.34**

Today's Message: Pursuing Purpose in Pain
1 Samuel 20.30-34;41, 42

3. There is a Way through the pain into your purpose.

- You run as fast as you can!
- You employ the principles from the past!
- You cry as hard as you can! *Ps 30:5*

*5 For His anger is but for a moment,
His favor is for a lifetime;
Weeping may last for the night,
But a shout of joy comes in the morning. NASU*

*Just like Pagliacci did
I try to keep my surface hid
Smiling in the crowd I try
But in a lonely room I cry
The tears of a clown*