

NEHEMIAH



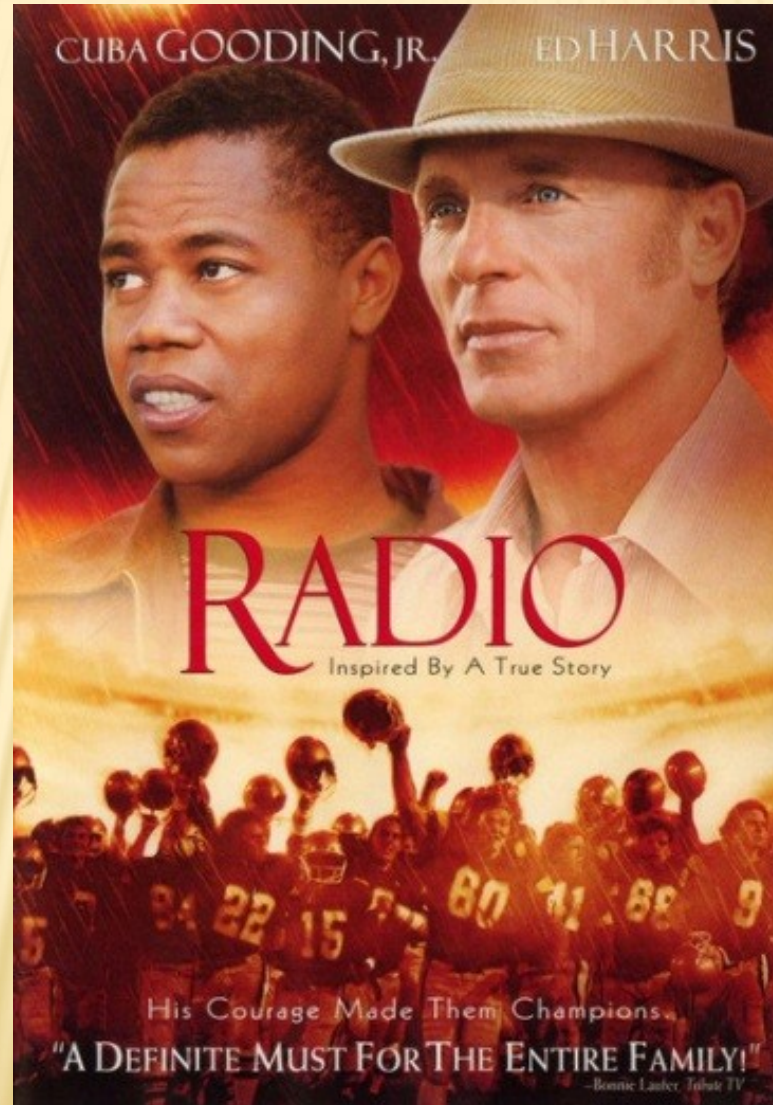
The Integrated Leader

Integrating faith into every area of our lives

SESSION 6-INTEGRATING MY “LIFE PURPOSE STATEMENT”



“RADIO”



STEP 3- COMMITMENT (NEHEMIAH 2:1-5)

Vs. 1- 4 months to listen and pray before committing

Vs. 5- Purpose statement- “...send *me* to the city in Judah where my fathers are buried so that ***I may rebuild it***”

Before Nehemiah said this- **vs. 4-** “Then I prayed to the God of heaven”



Rich Man- *Mark 10:17-22*



His Good Qualities:

- ❖ **Enthusiastic** (*vs. 17- "...he ran up to Jesus..."*)
- ❖ **Humble** (*vs. 17- "...he fell on his knees..."*)
- ❖ **Seeker of truth & life** (*vs. 17- "What must I do to inherit eternal life?"*)
- ❖ **Teachable** (*vs. 17- "Good teacher..."*)
- ❖ **He knew Jesus was divine** (*vs. 18- "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone."*)

Rich Man- *Mark 10:17-22*



His Good Qualities:

- ❖ **Moral Man** (*vs. 20- “All these [commandments] I have kept...”*)
- ❖ **Good family** (*vs. 20- “...since I was a boy.”*)
- ❖ **Loved by Jesus** (*vs. 21- “Jesus...loved him*)
- ❖ **BUT- “he went away...sad...”**
- ❖ **Why? “Because he had great wealth!”**

JESUS' PURPOSE STATEMENT



Matthew 16:21- “From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he ***MUST GO*** to Jerusalem and **suffer** many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be **killed** and on the third day be **raised to life.**”

Mark 10:45- “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but **to serve**, and to **give His life** as a ransom for many.”

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

Therefore, **GOD**
HIGHLY EXALTED HIM!

God

became a man

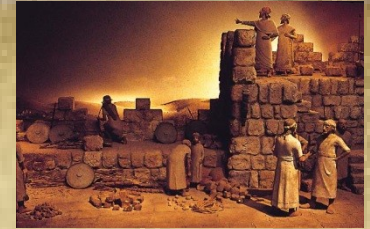
who was a servant

who died

on a cross



VIDEO- “SECRET AMBITION”



Jesus’ “Secret Ambition”

To give His life away!



JIM CAVIEZEL- ADDRESS TO CATHOLIC YOUTH

Jim Caviezel "Paul, Apostle of Christ" | SLS18

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PAUL'S PURPOSE STATEMENT



- ❖ Acts 20:22-24- “And now, compelled by the spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. I only know that in every city the holy spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me--the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.”

PAUL'S PURPOSE STATEMENT



- ❖ *Romans 1:16-17-* “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

PURPOSE STATEMENT- JOSHUA



“...choose you this day whom ye will serve ...
but as for me and my house,
we will serve the LORD.”

Joshua 24:15 (KJV)

King James Bible Online .org

- ✘ JOSHUA 24:14-15- “Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the river and in Egypt, and serve the lord. But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the river, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. *But* as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

SOME REACTIONS TO RECEIVING A CLEAR “CALLING” FROM GOD

- × **Moses- *Exodus 3:7-10***
- × **Gideon- *Judges 6:11-12; 36-40***
- × **Jeremiah- *Jeremiah 20:7-9***
- × **Mary- *Luke 1:30-38***
- × **Saul/Paul- *Acts 26:14-18***

“LIFE PURPOSE STATEMENT”

- ✦ **Matthew 22:36-40- The Great Commandment-** “Jesus replied, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: love your neighbor as yourself. All the law and the prophets hang on these two commandments.’”




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- ✦ **Matthew 28:18-20- The Great Commission-** “Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’”



“LIFE PURPOSE STATEMENT”

- ✦ **Jesus’ Final Commission- *Acts 1:8*- “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.”**



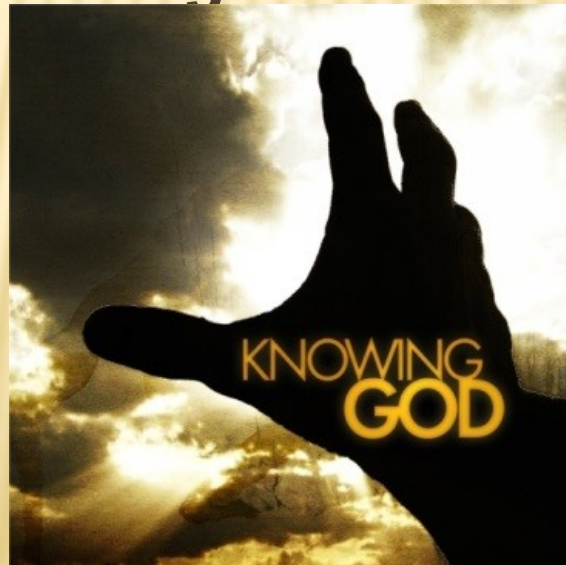
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Acts 1:8

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- ✦ ***Philippians 3:8 & 10-*** “I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ...I want *to know Christ* and the *power of His resurrection* and the *fellowship of sharing in his sufferings*, becoming like Him in His death...”



“LIFE PURPOSE STATEMENT”

2 Peter 3:18- “But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever!”



EX.- MY PURPOSE STATEMENT

My Theme Verse- John 12:21- “Sir, we wish to see Jesus...”

- ❖ **To walk closer with Jesus Christ every day**
- ❖ **To bring my family into a closer walk with Jesus**
- ❖ **To bring my church into a closer walk with Jesus, specifically-**
 - ❖ **“Whole life” evangelism and discipleship for all who come in contact with the church**
 - ❖ **to be an instrument of renewal within the church at large**

RICK WARREN'S PURPOSE STATEMENT (FROM "PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE")

- 1) ***Worship***- We Were Planned for God's Pleasure
- 2) ***Fellowship***- We Were Formed for God's Family
- 3) ***Discipleship***- We Were Created to Become Like Christ
- 4) ***Service***- We Were Shaped for Serving God
- 5) ***Evangelism***- We Were Made for a Mission

OTHER LIFE PURPOSE STATEMENTS (SAMPLES)

Student @ Pillar College- "My Life Mission Statement is to bring the wandering souls or unbelievers to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, and to make believers experience the fullness of God's power in them."

**Student @ Pillar College- Theme verse- *Luke 4: 18-19*-
"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the repressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."**

APPLICATION



- ✘ **As Nehemiah clearly stated his purpose before the king, so also we need to clarify our specific personal purpose statement**
- ✘ **Application question**
 - + **Write your two- to three-sentence “Life Purpose Statement”**

ASSIGNMENT NEXT WEEK



- ✘ Read Swindoll- Chap. 11-12
- ✘ Read Amerman- Chapter #7- Assessing my Time and Resources- p. 67-74
- ✘ In your journal, prayerfully think through and answer application questions- p. 70, 73 & 74
- ✘ Swindoll- Write a one paragraph summary of Chapters 11-12

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