

REALIGN

WHEN I GROW UP I WANT TO BE...

When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up and why?

Did you reach your goal? If not, what kept you from it? If you did, what did it take to get there?

If a person desires to have a particular career, what are some of the steps they can expect to take to get there?

This week Pastor Chris began a new sermon series called REALIGN.

If something needs to be “realigned” what did he say that suggests?

At what point were we all fully aligned with God’s plan for us?

Psalm 139:13-16 (TPT)—You formed my innermost being, shaping my delicate inside and my intricate outside, and wove them all together in my mother’s womb. 14 I thank you, God, for making me so mysteriously complex! Everything you do is marvelously breathtaking. It simply amazes me to think about it! How thoroughly you know me, Lord! 15 You even formed every bone in my body when you created me in the secret place, carefully, skillfully shaping me from nothing to something. 16 You saw who you created me to be before I became me! Before I’d ever seen the light of day, the number of days you planned for me were already recorded in your book.

Remember the account of a pregnant Mary who went to visit her older relative Elizabeth who was very pregnant with John the Baptist.

Luke 1:41 (TPT)— At the moment she heard Mary’s voice, the baby[a] within Elizabeth’s womb jumped and kicked. And suddenly, Elizabeth was filled to overflowing with the Holy Spirit!

And John the Baptist spent the rest of his life pointing to Jesus and telling everyone that He was the Son of God who takes away sins! John lived a life aligned with the destiny God had planned for him since his conception! So what destiny does God have for you? There are two components to look at.

1. A _____ PURPOSE

Romans 8:29— For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, so that he would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

What is the universal purpose God has for all His children?

2. AN _____ PURPOSE

Proverbs 16:9—In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.

Proverbs 19:21—Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.

Proverbs 3:6 (NLT)—Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take.

God has a personal destiny for you. Some people have hopes of a certain career path and God allows them to pursue their dream, while some people He calls into a particular career that He desires. Either way, God wants your goals to align with His will for you. Remember, if it contradicts what you know of God according to the Bible, then it's not His will for you.

How has God SHAPED you?

For all your life God has been shaping and preparing you for His purposes. How He does this can be found in the acronym S.H.A.P.E.

S — _____

1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)—God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

Romans 12:6-8 — In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. 7 If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. 8 If your gift

is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

According to Romans 12, what are some of the special gifts God gives?

H — _____

Psalm 37:4 (ESV)—Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

List at least one of your greatest hopes and desires.

A — _____

1 Corinthians 12:5-6 (ESV) — And there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.

What is a talent you have?

P — _____

Jeremiah 1:5 (ESV)—Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.

What is your personality like?

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E — _____

Romans 5:3-4 (NLT)—We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. ⁴ And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.

How might God use your life experiences?

GET IN THE WAY!

In his message, Pastor Chris used the illustration of needing a chiropractor. What happens when one part of our body is out of alignment?

What happens when one part of our life is out of alignment?

When a baby is born, what kind of hopes do you think the parents have for him/her?

What kind of things can keep that child from achieving everything the parents intended?

On the day you were born, what kind of dreams do you think God had for your life?

What does it mean for our lives to be “in alignment” with God?

How important is alignment to God’s purposes to your success?

PRAYER TIME

- Thank God for believing in you enough to give your life a purpose and meaning.
- Ask God to show you the places of your life that are out of alignment with Him.
- Surrender to God all the areas of your life that make up your SHAPE.
- Ask God to help you realign yourself to His desire for your destiny.