

Purpose & Succession

Intro

- * 22 years and 1 week ago I stepped into the calling of God on my life, and I would like to share about that today – **That** I might encourage you to fulfill His calling on your life!
- * Why are we alive? Why are we here? Why has God given us the skills talents, opportunities, freedom, blessings, our family, friends, know Him, Mercy/Grace/Spirit? **That**...what???
- * This is a surreal moment, reminds me of day I graduated college, my wife/parents there to pin those gold butter bars on; Reminds me driving off the MCRD, San Diego: Reminds me of leaving Walmart D.C./Ops Manager to start a Janitorial business called Alpha & Omega Cleaning to become an Assistant Pastor, less than a year later being called into the Sr. Pastor's office and asked if I would pray about becoming the pastor of CCSG...here I am 22 years, 1 wk later, what is the purpose? **That** - 7,380, God/4,660, Jesus/981, Holy Spirit/96 times
- * **John 17:1-3** That = Purpose

1. **1 Chronicles 28:20** - And David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God—my God—will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, **until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.**

1. **That** all the work that I do would be for the House of the LORD, the Kingdom of God!!!

Matt 5:16 - Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

2. God has confirmed, finished work/service/House/Kingdom here/can't (David); Not Finished!
Respond –**That** we would live/lives for everlasting Kingdom of God & not temporary/world

2. **1 Chronicles 29:1** - Furthermore King David said to all the assembly: "My son Solomon, **whom alone God has chosen**, is young and inexperienced; and the work is great, **because the temple is not for man but for the LORD God.** (I didn't choose me! Tell people, I'm sorry I'm your pastor, I wish you had pastor/who knew/doing!)

1. I have always been building- New Leased Bldg, Expansion, New Church, Expansion, PLR

2. **That** the temple is not for man, but for the Lord!

Exodus 30:30 - And you shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and **consecrate** them, **that** they may minister to Me as **priests**.

* What I do is not serve men, but serve God. **That** I would not please men, but please God!

Galatians 1:10 - For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.

* **Respond** – Be encouraged, **That** what you live for is not please men. But God!

- You are not at your job just/make/buck – there **that** you would be pleasing/glory/LORD God!

- You are not going to school just to get a degree – there **that**/be pleasing/glory/LORD God!

- You are in a relationship/friendship for that alone – but that it/ be pleasing/glory/LORD God!

- You are not a husband or a wife – you are a spouse **that** you to be pleasing/glory/LORD God!

- You are not retired only be pleasing to yourself – retired **that**/be pleasing/glory/LORD God!

3. **2 Chronicles 2:5-6** - And the temple which I build will be great, for our God is greater than all gods. **6** But who is able to build Him a temple, since heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him? Who am I then, **that** I should build Him a temple, **except to burn sacrifice before Him?**

* To burn sacrifice is to bring people to the understanding of the atonement/forgiveness of sins!

* **Leviticus 4:20, 26, 35** – Forgiveness of sins!!!

* The purpose of the building wasn't the building – it was a place where God wanted to bring people so that He could forgive them of their sins!

* The purpose for me becoming a pastor was not to be the Director of non-profit religious organization, or a Fraternal Organization, or Social club, or to build the largest congregation!

Respond – The purpose of our lives/church is to bring people to God for/forgiveness of sins!

Acts 13:38 -Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; - To Fish for Men!!!

4. God called me to be the Pastor of CCSG – That I might preach/teach the Word of God

Proverbs 30:2-6 - Surely I am more stupid than any man, And do not have the understanding of a man. **3** I neither learned wisdom Nor have knowledge of the Holy One. **4** Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His Son's name, If you know? **5** Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. **6** Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar.

Matthew 4:23 - And Jesus went about all Galilee, **teaching** in their synagogues, **preaching the gospel** of the kingdom, and **healing** all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

Ephesians 4:11 - And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some **pastors and teachers**,

2 Timothy 4:2 - **Preach the word!** Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and **teaching**.

* I do not have a Doctorate of Theology, Master's Degree or even a Bachelor's Degree in Theology – I haven't gone to seminary, Christian University, or Bible College, (taught there.)

Nehemiah 8:8 - So they read distinctly from the book, in the Law of God; and they gave the sense, and helped them to understand the reading.

* Through His word, God has given me a love for Him, and for people, ALL people!

Respond – You may not have a degree/do you have/Word, **That** you would love God/People

*More/His word/have/your heart/mind, soul and spirit – The more you will love Him/people!

5. **That** today God is looking for Men & Women to use to Manifest Himself to the world!

2 Chronicles 16:9a - For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him...**that's true today!!!**

* Today is about **Purpose**, also about **Succession!**

* God showed Moses/Joshua, Elijah/Elisha, Paul/Timothy, Jesus/Disciples – **Mt 28:19-20** - Go

* Today we believe **That** God anoints Men & not Ministries; Men & not Movements

* I don't believe it to be a coincidence that __ **years ago**, I just happened/PI, Jerry/ordained

* Today, we believe **That** God has anointed Jerry Camacho/Senior Pastor of CCSG; Wife/Side

* **That** God/anointed me/build again/Cause while I'm waiting, I'm not waiting, heaven lives/me

Respond – So what is the purpose of your Life – That...

1. That we would live lives that build the Kingdom of God, not the kingdom of man

2. That you would have your sins atoned for/be saved – John 3:16

3. That you would live lives that would please God and not man.

4. That you would have the word of God in your heart, soul, mind – That – Love God/People

5. That you would allow God to use you to bring people to Follow Jesus!