

God's Blueprint for the Church: Part 2

*Living With Purpose*

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*Living with purpose allows me to...*

- See difficulties as open doors to touch others  
(Acts 28:1-10; Genesis 50:19-21)

- God gives me new credibility in their eyes  
(vs 1-6; Exodus 14:10-31)
- God may bring healing and blessing to others  
through me (vs 7-10; Philemon 4-7)

- Encourage others and be encouraged  
(Acts 28:11-15; Hebrews 10:23-25)

- Reach out to those who need Jesus  
(Acts 28:16-28; Mark 2:15-17)

- It is up to me to initiate the conversation  
(vs 16-20; Mark 1:38-39)
- Even if they are skeptical, tell them about Jesus  
(vs 21-23; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25)
- Don't be afraid to tell them the truth  
(vs 24-28; 2 Timothy 4:1-5)

- See every situation as an opportunity for  
ministry (Acts 28:29-31; Philippians 1:12-18)

- *Living with purpose* means living so that we are a  
blessing to those around us  
(Gen 12:1-3; Galatians 3:6-9,26-29)

**Getting Personal...**

How do I respond when difficulties arise in my life? When was a  
time I saw a problem give an opportunity to touch someone  
else? What happened? \_\_\_\_\_

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Who is a person I know that needs to be encouraged right now?  
How can I encourage them this week? \_\_\_\_\_

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Who is someone in my life circle (work, neighbor, friend, family,  
classmate) that I know needs Jesus? How can I initiate that  
conversation with them? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do I live understanding that God intends that I be a blessing and I  
extend His blessing to others? What does that look like in my  
life? \_\_\_\_\_

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