



Fulfilling Your Purpose

Our dear friends,

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“He is Risen! *He is Risen Indeed! Amen!*”

We are so blessed and honored to have the revelation and ASSURANCE of Christ's death and resurrection! Christ paid the penalty of sin, death, which means we don't have to pay it anymore. It's been paid in FULL, praise Jesus! Colossians 2:13b,14 says, *Then God made you alive with Christ, for He forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.* We have been redeemed from the snare of the devil and the curse of sin and death! Hallelujah! And not only that, but we have been given eternal life through His resurrection! *Since we have been united with Him in His death, we will also be raised to life as He was* (Romans 6:5). As believers, we believe that when He died, we died with Him (our carnal nature died). When He was buried, we were buried with Him (our sins were buried). When He was resurrected, we were resurrected with Him (we were made new and seated in heavenly places with Christ- Eph. 2:6). **We are part of Him and He of us.** Christ came to fulfill His purpose on this earth until the very end of His life. He never took His eyes off of His Father or His mission. When we know and fully understand the price that was paid for us by Jesus, we should be full of excitement and striving to fulfill our mission just like Jesus!

What is our mission and purpose on this earth? As believers, our collective mission here on earth is to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel to the poor (in spirit), heal the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, release prisoners from the darkness, proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and comfort all who mourn (Isaiah 61:1-2)! Over 45 years ago, when we escaped from communist Romania, we made a promise to the Lord that if He would set us free from behind the iron curtain, we would go to the ends of the earth to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus. We are living proof of how the Lord set us free from all bondage and slavery, separated us from the love of the world, and placed us in this Ministry for His glory. **There was a pivotal moment in our lives where we had to decide if we were willing to leave the world behind, set everything aside, and move on to the next level with God. This didn't mean that fear and intimidation didn't try to come to us! In the late 80's when we decided to serve under a television ministry, we were thrown into the prayer line, intercession prayer, television production, Minister's assistant, hospitality, and demonic deliverance departments!** When we say we were completely out of our comfort zone, we are not exaggerating! We became fully immersed in the English language and culture, not really knowing how the Lord would take care of us financially. But we took a step of faith and trusted that He would. **We knew beyond a shadow of a doubt that THIS is where God wanted us for a season. During that serving time, and even after JMM was born, we were fully satisfied and fulfilled because we knew deep down in our hearts that we were doing exactly what the Lord created us to do. No amount of riches, power, fame, or worldly possessions could have fulfilled us like living out our purpose here on earth!** We knew God called us according to HIS purpose, not because of *our abilities or strengths*. We had to fully rely and lean on the Holy Spirit, our Helper, and get into the Word every day. When intimidation or fear would come in (and it did!), we held onto the promise we made to God, and to our first love so it wouldn't grow cold. *We were part of Him and He of us.*

In 2 Timothy when Paul was encouraging young Timothy, we see clearly that fear and uncertainty tried to come to Timothy when he walked into his calling too. Dear friend, fear will try to come to you like it did to us. But this is what Paul told Timothy about fear, *For God did not give us a spirit of timidity or cowardice or fear, but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of sound judgment and personal discipline [abilities that result in a calm, well-balanced mind and self-control] (2 Timothy 1:7 AMP)*. We need to keep in mind that God did not call us according to *our* abilities or *our* strengths but according to *His purpose*, so that we stay fully connected and reliant on the Holy Spirit and the Word of God for strength (Rom. 8:28). When we fully step into the calling that we were born to fulfill, we have to be determined not to let anything move us or shake us. We keep our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, so we can finish the race set before us (Heb. 12:2). There will certainly be times when we will go through low valleys but the Lord is there with us, and He will bring us back up on the mountaintop in victory!

For He delivered us and saved us and called us with a holy calling [a calling that leads to a consecrated life—a life set apart—a life of purpose], not because of our works [or because of any personal merit—we could do nothing to earn this], but because of His own purpose and grace [His amazing, undeserved favor] which was granted to us in Christ Jesus before the world began [eternal ages ago],¹⁰ but now [that extraordinary purpose and grace] has been fully disclosed and realized by us through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus who [through His incarnation and earthly ministry] abolished death [making it null and void] and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel (2 Timothy 1:9-10 AMP).

During this Resurrection season, we are reminded that Christ came to fulfill His purpose on this earth until the very end of His life. He never took His eyes off of His Father or His mission. We want to encourage you to stir up the gifts of God in you like Paul urged Timothy so you can fully understand *your* purpose and mission here on earth. Once you understand your purpose, we want to provoke you to hold on to the hope of your calling by going back to your first love. Your first love is the first moment you completely gave your life to God and became sold out for Christ. Refuse to fear when you're discouraged or worried about the future! Get into the Word of God and put It to work *daily* (2 Tim. 3:16-17). Lean into the Holy Spirit (the Helper) as your *only* source of strength and wisdom. *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you* (John 14:26). Remember, you are part of Him and He of you. Just like Jesus completed His mission on earth, we need to complete ours. **It's never too late to fulfill your purpose, because it's not your start, it's how you finish!** When you've breathed your last breath on earth, you need to be able to say, *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith* (2 Timothy 4:7).

In His Service,
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