

What On Earth Am I Here For? You Were Created To Become Like Christ

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“Hurry is the great enemy of spiritual life in our day. You must ruthlessly eliminate hurry from your life.” Dallas Willard

*“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son” **Romans 8:28-29***

Our 3rd purpose in life is to progressively become like Christ.

1. The _____ God uses to make us more like Jesus

A. God uses His _____ and His _____ to redirect our thinking.

*“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...” **Romans 12:2***

***“The Spirit of God uses the Word of God to make
The Child of God more like the Son of God”***

B. God uses His _____ to redirect our thinking.

2. The _____ God uses to make us more like Jesus

A. God uses _____ to teach us to _____ Him.

*“In all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.” **Romans 8:28***

Every trouble has a purpose!

B. God uses _____ to teach us to _____ Him.

*“No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.” **1 Corinthians 10:13***

C. God uses _____ to teach us to _____ others.

*“Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.” **Colossians 3:13***

*“You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good.” **Genesis 50:20***

21 minutes with God for 21 days challenge reading schedule:

- Romans 8:12-39
- Psalm 119:1-32
- Romans 12:1-2; Colossians 3:1-14
- Ephesians 4:1-32
- James 1:1-27
- 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
- Genesis 50:15-21; Matthew 18:15-35

Sermon questions

1. What do you find appealing, compelling, or attractive about Jesus that makes you want to become like Him?

2. Pastor Brad said in his message, “The Spirit of God uses the Word of God to make the Child of God more like the Son of God”. How have you seen that work out in your life? Explain.

3. Read **Romans 12:1-2**. According to these verses what is your role in becoming more like Jesus?

What steps can you take, based on these verses, so that God has greater freedom to work in your life?

4. Read **Romans 8:28-30**. God uses everything in our lives to bring us into a deeper relationship with Him and make us more like His Son. Do you really believe this? If you do, what difference will that make in how you view your situation?

5. We all go through hurts, losses, and painful experiences in our lives. Share with your group a difficult experience that God took you through. How has God used these experiences to build your faith and make you more like Christ?

6. There is a cost to becoming like Jesus (**Luke 9:23**). We can so tenaciously hold on to things in our lives that they become idols which replace Christ as Lord. Do you have anything in your life that competes with the Lord Jesus and hinders you from becoming more like Him? Are you willing to give it up? Why or why not?

7. Becoming more like Jesus is a lifelong process. After hearing Pastor Brad's message, what do you think God might be doing in your life now to make you more like His Son? How can you respond so that you will indeed become more like Jesus?

Read the Bible this year

Pastor Brad encouraged us to read the Bible in 2020. Here's some help getting started. Each day this week read from the Old and New Testament. Or, if you prefer, read just from one testament. Enjoy!

- **2 Kings 4-6; Luke 24**
- **2 Kings 7-9**
- **2 Kings 10-12; John 1**
- **2 Kings 13-14; John 2**
- **2 Kings 15-16; John 3**
- **2 Kings 17-18**
- **2 Kings 19-21**