

FEELING LOST

A short time ago I was asked, "Pastor Chris, I know I'm a Christian, but I feel lost and don't seem to know where I'm going." My response was, "You'll never leave where you are until you've decided where you'd rather be." The principle is very simple, you can't arrive at a destination unless you've first determined where you want to go! Plotting a course in life is important if you want to make progress. Have you noticed that the airlines don't sell tickets based on your point of departure but rather on your desired destination. It's no different for a Christian. You must know where you intend to get to and what you intend to accomplish. That way you can measure your progress.

The Bible says that Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:2). Jesus knew exactly where He wanted to go and what He wanted to achieve! If He didn't He would never have endured the cross and the humiliation that preceded it. Listen to the awesome words of the verse of scripture again... "Who for the joy set before Him." Something beyond the cross was His ultimate destination, and it was this, to sit down at the right hand of God. Every time Jesus thought of being seated at the right hand of His Father it brought joy to His heart. What destination in your life brings you most joy every time you think about it?

Many people don't like where they are, yet they've never made up their minds as to where they would rather be! You don't have to decide your future (it is in God's capable hands), however, you must decide your preferred destination. That is, where you'd rather be! Unless you do this you will always feel lost and your life will be aimless (without purpose). There are so many great books written on the power of purpose. Why? Because "purpose" gives direction, and it is also the fuel that drives you toward the fulfilment of your destiny. Again, referring to Jesus, Acts 2:23 says, "Being delivered by the **determined purpose and foreknowledge of God**, He was taken by lawless hands, crucified, and put to death." There was divine purpose and destiny about everything that the Lord Jesus did during His time here on earth. His life is a model for us to shape our lives on. Therefore, divine purpose and destiny should also be visible in our lives!

Many of the world's greatest leaders were called failures, until they discovered their life purpose. The power of purpose will help you to:

- Experience the freedom and power of finding your life's cause
- Focus and take action to pursue your greatness
- Guard against negative habits
- Live each day with integrity

- Separate what you've done from who you are
- Live in a spirit and attitude of gratitude
- Become a powerful presence in every area of your life

Your destiny is waiting to be fulfilled. Your destination is waiting for you to arrive. And remember, Jesus is with you and always at the helm!