

# Make Room for Purpose

LUKE 2:22-38



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Purposed to be set apart/holy (Luke 2:22).

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<sup>9</sup>For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 1:9 (NLT)

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STARTING JANUARY 8

# 21 DAY DANIEL FAST

ON THE DANIEL FAST, YOU EAT PLANT-BASED MEALS THAT ARE NUTRITIOUS AND DELICIOUS, WHILE SETTING ASIDE OTHER FOODS AS AN ACT OF WORSHIP AND SACRIFICE TO THE LORD.



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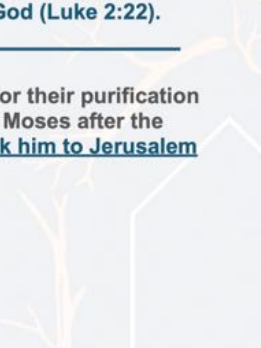
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Purposed to bring others closer to God (Luke 2:22).

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<sup>12</sup>Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him.  
<sup>13</sup>For "Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved."  
<sup>14</sup>But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him?

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**Romans 10:12-15 (NLT)**

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And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? <sup>13</sup>And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"

Romans 10:12-15 (NLT)

Purposed for righteousness (Luke 2:25).

Luke 2:25 (NLT) At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel.

Purposed in Christ (Luke 2:25).

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<sup>4</sup>Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. <sup>5</sup>God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

Ephesians 1:4-5 (NLT)

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Why does God give us purpose?

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<sup>18</sup>When people do not accept divine guidance, they run wild. But whoever obeys the law is joyful.

Proverbs 29:18 (NLT)

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God gives purpose so you will know:

1. Who you will be (Luke 2:25)
2. What you will do (Luke 2:26-32)
3. Who you will impact (Luke 2:33)

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**Video — 16-year old armless girl**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ezz93FrZYYY>

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Your existence and presence alone has purpose.

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How do I know my purpose?

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Purposed for testimony (Luke 2:25).

**Luke 2:36-37 (NLT)** Anna, a prophet, was also there in the Temple. She was the daughter of Phanuel from the tribe of Asher, and she was very old. Her husband died when they had been married only seven years. Then she lived as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the Temple but stayed there day and night, worshiping God with fasting and prayer.

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**What Anna teaches us about how to know our purpose?**

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1. Unwavering dedication.
2. Stay the course even through difficult life challenges and setbacks.
3. Committed to your faith (worship, fasting, and prayer).

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**Purpose never dies. It hides away in our dreams waiting to be made reality.**

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## ACTION ITEM

- 1) Revisit what God has purposed you.
- 2) Then determine one step I can make towards that purpose.
- 3) Then share the win with someone else.

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"For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

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