

PURPOSE and CALLING | *week four*

We wrap up our series on Calling & Purpose, by discussing how God has **equipped us with everything we need** to live a godly life, one that fulfills His great and precious promises.

Through our faith and humility (consciousness of God's grace), His generous provision will enable us to share His divine nature, and escape many of our worldly desires. Only through Him can we sustain moral excellence, knowledge with self-control, patient endurance, and obedience to the life God has called us to.

2 Peter 1

³ By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. ⁴ And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.

⁵ In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, ⁶ and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, ⁷ and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone.

¹⁰ So, dear brothers and sisters, work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen. Do these things, and you will never fall away.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Simon Peter attempts to answer our doubts, fears, and insecurities when answering the call that God has for you. Describing that,

“By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life.” - 2 Peter 1:3

Have you ever cried out to God, asking Him, “How can I serve your purpose? Why did you leave me alone on this journey?” Please share.

2. In the Book of Exodus, Moses was charged with a great promise to free God’s people. But he had plenty of fears and self-doubt.

He pleaded with the Lord: “O Lord, I’m not very good with words. I never have been, and I’m not now, even though you have spoken to me.”

- Exodus 4:10

And God responded: “I will be with you as you speak, and I will instruct you in what to say... And take your shepherd’s staff with you, and use it to perform the miraculous signs I have shown you.”

- Exodus 4:15-17

What does God’s gifts look like for you? How has His transformative love helped you grow?

3. In this divine journey with God, why is it crucial for us to have this patient endurance, self-control, and affection for everyone? Has this eluded you before?

4. What happens when we fail in our journey with God? How can we bounce back up?

5. How can I sharpen my gifts? How do I grow within God’s plan, without losing moral excellence and self-control?