

The Destiny Part 2 - Journey

1. Destiny requires three basic understandings. (covered in CD)

- a. Destiny rest in identity
- b. Destiny manifest through love
- c. Destiny is a journey that requires faith (2 Cor. 5:7)

2. Destiny requires first things first.

- a. God chooses to accomplish his purposes in the earth through flesh, our flesh. The ultimate forerunner of this was Jesus, and it's his desire to advance His kingdom.
- b. *For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do **good works**, which God prepared in advance for us to do. – Ephesians 2:10*

3. Intimacy is required to fulfill your God given destiny.

- a. Our highest call is to know him and love him.
- b. *"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. Mathew 22:36-39*
- c. He wants us to partner with Him - because of love and a desire for relationship with you.
- d. *It's about putting first things first, not a complicated set of principles. It's about the cultivation of intimacy and the fulfillment of the task becoming one thing - sons and daughters managing the estate with the Father, walking it out arm in arm in a delightful relationship of rest and revelation. May it be so! – Gary Weins*

4. You're Destiny unfolds as we partner in love and friendship with God.

- a. God does not need our help, but He does desire our friendship.
- b. Abraham was a friend of God's. Moses was too. Don't you want to be known as a friend of Gods?
 - i. Example: John Wimber, "Lord, I am spare change in your pocket spend me anyway you want." Cathy, I am spare change in your pocket spend me anyway you want.
- c. Woundedness, often rooted in childhood can often lead us to gain approval from God through our performance. That was never God's intention. The Father is supposed to be our root system as described in Ephesians 3. It is from that place He can reveal his secrets to us, and we get to experience the glory of working

together with him.

*And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, **19**and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:17-19*

- d. Partnering with our Father, partnering with our Beloved, we get to see the Kingdom of God unfold.

5. Destiny is about the journey not just the destination.

- a. God is more committed to fashioning you into the image of His son more than anything you could do for him.
- b. Character development is necessary to fulfill your destiny. Men and women fall everyday trying to fulfill their destiny.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. – Proverbs 3:5,6

6. The journey is also the preparation for Destiny.

- a. The life of Joseph. The Life of Moses. The Life of Paul. They all made good and bad choices along the way.
- b. We also have choices to make along the way to yield to the Holy Spirit, believe God is good, fight when we are called to, trust and walk in faith, get better not bitter.

7. The journey towards your Destiny takes courage.

- a. We're all quick to say what Isaiah said but it takes courage to walk it out!
 - i. *Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8*
 - ii. Example: Rienhard Bonke
- b. It requires you to give things up. It could be a relationship that is out of His will, the fear of man, old identities, fruitless habits and behaviors.
- c. It may result in losses. Family, homes, comfort of this life.
- d. *And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother^[a] or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first. – Mathew 19:29,30*

- e. It will require at times radical trust.
- f. Whether you are born always knowing what you were called to do or your destiny is revealed over time it will be a journey that requires dependency on God.
- g. You cannot fulfill your God-given destiny apart from Him.
 - i. *I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. It requires radical faith. – John 15:5*

8. The journey towards your destiny requires believing in His goodness.

- a. *Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. Psalm 34:7*
- b. *For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."- [Jeremiah 29:11-13](#)*
- c. *"Give yourself fully to God. He will use you to accomplish great things on the condition that you believe much more in His love than in your own weakness." -- Mother Theresa*

9. Your destiny is about others.

- a. You were appointed to good works for others, for His glory so that His kingdom would advance. Christ is our example.
- b. Your destiny is fulfilled in and through the Body of Christ.
- c. *Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body. – 1 Corinthians 12: 14-20*
- d. Example of Rienhard Bonke. Where would his destiny be without the Body of Christ?

10. Your destiny is about you.

- a. It's growing in Intimacy with God becoming a friend of Gods in the journey.

- b. It's experiencing his tangible love when we hit potholes on the road or get stuck on the side. These are opportunities for Him to show us again how much he loves us.
- c. It's being transformed in the process into the likeness of Christ along the way.
- d. It's the awe we feel when we see His Glory manifest on earth as it is in heaven.
- e. It's the joy of plundering hell and populating heaven.
- f. It's the excitement of discovery, as he reveals his secrets to us and we grow in the knowledge of God.
- g. It's the privilege of participating in the unfolding of His Kingdom.
- h. It's the most exciting, incredible journey anyone could ever experience, the journey toward our destiny.

11. Our ultimate destiny is eternity with Him.

- a. There is something about remembering heaven that always encourages me to press on.
- b. *What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ **9**and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. **10**I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, **11**and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. **12**Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. **13**Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, **14**I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.**15**All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. **16**Only let us live up to what we have already attained. **17**Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. **18**For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. **19**Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. **20**But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, **21**who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. – Phillipians 3:12-21 AMEN!*