



# EPHESIANS

DAY 1

Ephesians 1

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ON PURPOSE, FOR A PURPOSE

## Ephesians 1:11-12 (MSG)

“It’s in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.”

Paul’s letter to the church in Ephesus is essentially a blueprint for how to live a life of faith. He begins by reminding the Ephesians of the freedom they have through Christ’s sacrifice. According to Paul, it is essential that we understand this freedom because it’s in Christ that we understand who we are. This isn’t just a general understanding of our life in Christ: Paul encourages us to know Christ so intimately that we understand our unique, individual design – what we are living for. Yes, the global church has a mission, but beyond that, we are individually designed on purpose, for a purpose. It is as we mature in our relationship with God that we begin to see our unique role in that global mission. The way you love the Lord and love people is going to look different from the other people in your church community, which is not only okay, it’s necessary! Furthermore, by investing your time and energy in this devotional, you have begun the very process of discovery that Paul is talking about. The only question is, are we willing to lay down our old perceptions of ourselves and embrace God’s “designs on us for glorious living” so that we can live out that purpose every day?

What is God speaking to me about in today’s reading?

## MY PRAYER FOR TODAY:



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