

God has a purpose and plan for your life. It's time to let your purpose shine!

Today we celebrate that Jesus rose from the dead to give us life and light! [John 1:4; 8:2; 12:36](#) / [Matthew 5:14-16](#)

Two _____ of _____

A very loving father who wanted his sons to discover and shine in their purpose. But they went in different directions.

The _____ Son of Purpose [Luke 15:11-19](#)

Have you ever found yourself lost and far from God? There is a loving Father calling you home.

The Loving _____ Father [Luke 15:20-24](#)

The Father is searching for you because he loves you.

There is nothing you can do to make Him love you more or less.

The _____ Son of Purpose [Luke 15:25-32](#)

It's pretty obvious that the younger son was not living according to his father's plan and purpose, but what about the older son? Was he living his life on purpose?

- He Was a Hard Worker. [Luke 15:25 \(vs 12\)](#)
- He Didn't Know What Was Going On. [Luke 15:25-32 \(John 15:15-16\)](#)
- He Became Angry. [Luke 15:28-30](#)

His statement in verse 30 (This son of yours. Not my brother whom I love) revealed again that he really didn't love his brother like the father loved him.

- He Was Obedient. [Luke 15:29](#) But he viewed himself more as a slave taking orders than as a son of purpose who was loved unconditionally and given everything he needed to let his purpose shine.

Everything I Have Is _____ [Luke 15:31](#)

I believe that today God wants us all to hear this statement that the father made to his oldest son.

If everything that the father had was at the son's disposal, shouldn't he have been living his life with purpose? If everything that Father God has is ours, shouldn't we be Shining our Purpose?

The resurrection life that we are celebrating today is given freely to you and me.

[Romans 8:11](#) And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

The Father has filled you with the power of the Holy Spirit. He has gifted you, **not so you can live a meaningless life**, but he has empowered you for a purpose.

The tragedy would be for us to live a meaningless life when we have been called to live our lives on purpose. It would be shameful for us to waste what God has given us.

Life App Group and Family Devotional Application

1. Do you believe that God has a special purpose for you? Would you like to know what that purpose is? Or do you know already? If so share.
2. What do we mean when we say, “Shine On Purpose?”
3. Luke 15:11-32 tells us of two sons of purpose. How did the first son get diverted from his purpose? Can anyone relate? Want to share?
4. We focus on the first son most of the time, but was the older son fully letting his purpose shine? What was his problem? Can anyone relate? Want to share?
5. What causes Christians to lose their zeal and fall into a life of mediocrity? Name some causes.
6. What hints are we given in this story that the oldest son may not have the heart of his Father concerning his brother? Can we fall into that trap when dealing with people who don't know Jesus?
7. At this current point in your journey, which son can you relate to the most, the younger or older.
8. The Father told the older son, “Everything I have is yours”. I believe Father God is telling us the same thing. If that is true do we have any excuse not to fulfill God's plan and purpose?