



CHRISTIANS ON TRIAL

REMEMBERING YOUR PURPOSE
ACTS 26:12-23

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1. Don't _____ (vv.12-16)

2. Don't _____ (vv.17-18)

3. Decisively _____ (vv.19-20)

4. Prepare _____ (v.21)

5. Expect _____ (v.22a)

6. Never _____ (v.22b)

7. Live _____ (v.22c-23)

Acts 26:12 "In this connection I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. **13** At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, that shone around me and those who journeyed with me. **14** And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.' **15** And I said, 'Who are you, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. **16** But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, **17** delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you **18** to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.' **19** "Therefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, **20** but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all the region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance. **21** For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me. **22** To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass: **23** that the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles." (ESV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Haggai 1:3-11**. In what situations has God made clear through his disciplinary actions that you were on the wrong path, following the wrong priorities, and neglecting his calling in your life in a big or small way?
2. Read **Philippians 2:19-21**. What would it look like if you approached your life's calling and career focused exclusively on your own advancement, fulfillment, and gratification? Why is this so antithetical to what it means to be a Christian?
3. Read **Jeremiah 1:5-8** and **Exodus 4:10-12**. What does it do for your heart, mind, and confidence to know that the Lord will provide everything that is needed to fulfill his calling and purpose for your life?
4. Read **2 Timothy 3:10-12**. What can you do to be resolute and immovable when you encounter opposition in doing the things you know God has called you to do?
5. Read **Colossians 3:23** and **John 4:34**. What can you implement in your weekly life to remind you to enthusiastically embrace the particular calling and purpose God has set you in life to tackle?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

Msg. 21-23 – **Saul: A New Purpose**

Msg. 19-25 – **Purpose Fulfilled**

Msg. 07-09 – **Living Life with the Hope of a New Purpose**

Msg. 07-23 – **Attempting Great Things for God**

Msg. 11-30 – **Sacrificial Leaders & Replicating Ministries**

Msg. 13-20 – **Staying on Task**

Msg. 13-33 – 13-35 – **ATAPAT: Our Struggle to Say Anything, Anyplace, Anytime**

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

June 9th 2Chr.29-31 & Jn.18:1-23

June 10th 2Chr.32-33 & Jn.18:24-40

June 11th 2Chr.34-36 & Jn.19:1-22

June 12th Ezra 1-2 & Jn.19:23-42

June 13th Ezra 3-5 & Jn.20

June 14th Ezra 6-8 & Jn.21

June 15th Ezra 9-10 & Ac.1

June 16th Neh.1-3 & Ac.2:1-13

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Bennett, Arthur. **The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers & Devotions**. Banner of Truth, 1997.

Bond, Douglas. **The Mighty Weakness of John Knox**. Reformation Publishing Trust, 2011.

Engstrom, Ted. **The Making of a Christian Leader**. Zondervan, 1976.

Guinness, Os. **The Call: Finding and Fulfilling the Central Purpose of Your Life**. Word Publishing, 1998.

Hughes, R. Kent. **Set Apart: Calling a Worldly Church to a Godly Life**. Crossway, 2003.

MacArthur, John. **Found: God's Will: Find the Direction and Purpose God Wants for Your Life**. David Cook, 2012.

Mack, Wayne. **Courage: Fighting Fear with Fear**. P & R Publishing, 2014.

Mahaney, C. J., et al. **Worldliness: Resisting the Seduction of a Fallen World**. Crossway, 2008.

Mohler, Albert. **We Cannot Be Silent: Speaking Truth to a Culture**. Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2015.

Packer, J. I. **God's Will: Finding Guidance for Everyday Decisions**. Baker Books, 2012.

Piper, John, et al. **The Supremacy of Christ in a Postmodern World**. Crossway, 2007.

Sauls, Scott. **From Weakness to Strength: Vulnerabilities that Can Bring Out the Best in Your Leadership**. Cook, 2017.

Swindoll, Charles. **Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living**. Reprint. Word, 2002.