DISCOVERING HOPE SERIES

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DISCOVERING PURPOSE, MEANING, AND HOPE IN GOD'S PLAN

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WELCOME TO THE
DISCOVERING HOPE SERIES

Real Questions. Biblical Answers. Lasting Hope.

Life raises questions that are not always easy to answer.

Why am I here?, Does God really exist? , Can I trust the Bible?, Why does God allow suffering?, Can my life really change? Is there hope when I feel trapped, broken, or uncertain about the future?

The **Discovering Hope Series** was created to help people explore questions like these through the truth of God's Word.

You need not be a Bible scholar or have all the answers.

And you do not need to have everything in your life figured out before you begin.

Each booklet focuses on a different question, struggle, or biblical truth and is designed to help you discover what the Bible actually says.

As you read, take your time.

Consider the Scriptures for yourself.

Ask questions, Pray.

And most importantly, allow God to speak to your heart through His Word.

The Bible is more than a book of religious teachings. It reveals a God who loves us, seeks us, and desires to transform our lives.

Whatever brought you to this booklet, we hope it becomes one more step in your journey toward discovering the hope that can only be found in Jesus Christ.

There is hope. There are answers.

And God may be closer than you think.

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WHY AM I HERE?

Introduction

At some point in life, almost everyone asks the same question:

Why am I here?

Why do I exist?

Does my life matter?

Is there a purpose for my life?

Am I simply the result of time, chance, and circumstances?

Or was I created for something greater?

Many people spend years searching for answers.

Some search through success.

Some search through relationships.

Some search through money.

Some search through pleasure.

Others search through education, careers, or accomplishments.

Yet even after achieving the things they thought would make them happy, many still feel empty inside.

Why?

Because the deepest question of life is not:

"What do I want to do?"

The deepest question is:

"Why was I created?"

The Bible provides a clear answer.

You are here because God created you for a purpose.

1. YOU ARE NOT AN ACCIDENT

The world often teaches that life is the result of random events.

The Bible teaches something very different.

You were intentionally created by God.

Psalm 139:13-14

"For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made..."

Before you were born, God knew you.

Before anyone else saw your potential, God saw it.

Your life has value because your Creator designed you.

You are not an accident.

You are not a mistake.

You are not forgotten.

You were created by God.

2. WHY DOESN'T SUCCESS SATISFY?

Many people spend their lives chasing things they believe will make them happy.

Young people often think:

• If I become popular...

• If I make enough money...
• If I get the right career...
• If I achieve my goals...
• If people admire me...

Then I will finally be satisfied.

Yet many of the most successful people in the world still struggle with emptiness.

Why?

Because success can tell you what you have achieved.

It cannot tell you why you exist.

Money cannot answer that question.

Fame cannot answer that question.

Popularity cannot answer that question.

Only the Creator can explain the purpose of His creation.

Mark 8:36

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

3. YOU WERE CREATED TO KNOW GOD

One of the greatest misunderstandings of life is believing that our purpose is found primarily in things.

Money cannot satisfy the deepest needs of the heart.

Success cannot satisfy the deepest needs of the heart.

Pleasure cannot satisfy the deepest needs of the heart.

Why?

Because we were created for a relationship with God.

Jeremiah 9:23-24

"Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom... but let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me..."

The greatest purpose of life is to know the One who created you.

Until we know God, something inside us remains incomplete.

4. YOU WERE CREATED FOR MORE THAN SURVIVAL

Animals survive.

Humans ask questions.

We wonder:

- Why am I here?
- What is right and wrong?
- What happens after death?
- Does my life matter?
- Is there a God?

These questions point to something unique about humanity.

We were not created merely to exist.

We were created to seek God.

Acts 17:27

"That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him..."

The very fact that people search for meaning points to the existence of a greater purpose.

5. YOU WERE CREATED TO REFLECT GOD'S CHARACTER

Human beings are unique among God's creation.

We possess the ability to love, forgive, create, worship, show compassion, and seek truth.

These qualities reflect something about our Creator.

Genesis 1:27

"So God created man in his own image..."

Every act of love, mercy, kindness, honesty, and compassion reflects the character of God.

God designed humanity to display His nature in the world.

6. YOU WERE CREATED FOR ETERNITY

Most people instinctively feel there must be more to life than a few short years on earth.

Why do we long for something beyond this world?

Why do we seek lasting meaning?

Why do we wonder what happens after death?

Ecclesiastes 3:11

"He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart..."

God has placed eternity within us.

We were made for more than temporary existence.

We were created with an eternal destiny.

7. SIN DISTORTED GOD'S ORIGINAL PURPOSE

If God created us for a purpose, why does the world contain so much pain, confusion, suffering, and brokenness?

The Bible teaches that sin entered the world and separated humanity from God.

Romans 3:23

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"

Sin damages relationships.

Sin creates confusion.

Sin distorts purpose.

Sin leaves emptiness in the human heart.

Many people are searching for purpose while remaining separated from the One who gave them purpose.

8. JESUS CAME TO RESTORE GOD'S PURPOSE

God did not abandon humanity.

He came to rescue us.

Jesus Christ came to restore what sin had broken.

Luke 19:10

"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Through Jesus Christ we can find:

- Forgiveness
- Hope
- Peace
- Direction
- Purpose
- Eternal life

The closer we come to God, the more clearly we understand why we are here.

9. YOUR LIFE HAS MEANING

Your worth is not determined by:

- Your appearance
- Your popularity
- Your achievements
- Your income
- Your failures
- Other people's opinions

Your value comes from the fact that God created you and loves you.

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."

God has a purpose for every life.

Including yours.

WHAT IS MY PURPOSE?

The Bible teaches that we were created:

- To know God
- To love God
- To obey God
- To serve others
- To reflect God's character
- To prepare for eternity

Life finds its greatest meaning when it is lived according to God's purpose.

Conclusion

You are not here by accident.

You were created by God.

You were created for God.

You were created with a purpose.

The search for meaning ultimately leads back to the One who gave life in the first place.

Colossians 1:16

"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible..."

The answer to the question, "Why am I here?" is ultimately found in the One who created you.

Your life matters.

Your future matters.

And God has a purpose for you.