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psalm chapter one hundred and thirty nine verse thirteen  
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**why am i here?**

genesis chapter sixteen verse thirteen // genesis chapter forty six verse two  
romans chapter twelve verse one to two  
matthew chapter five verse fourteen to sixteen  
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**P U R -  
P O S E**



# YOU MATTER

*Psalm 139 v 13*

'For you  
created  
my inmost  
being; you  
knit me  
together in  
my mother's  
womb.'

day 01

## READ.

Knitting is pretty ancient isn't it?! Maybe you've seen your grandparents knit before and even though nowadays it's trendy to bring back things from the past, I'm not sure knitting will ever make a comeback. Although, 'knit' is an interesting choice of word in this verse. Knitting is an intricate process that requires a lot of time and focus (and wrinkles). You can't accidentally knit something. You plan what you're going to create and you create it for a purpose. Your grandma might knit you a big wooly jumper to keep you warm in the winter, but whether you wear it or not... that's a different story! The bible uses this image to show us that God did not make us by mistake. Despite how you think you may have got here, you are not a mistake. But he created you on purpose, for a purpose. The bible says in Ephesians 1:4 'Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as a focus of his love...' (MSG). You matter. You matter so much that even before God created earth, he had YOU in mind.

# THE PURPOSE OF JESUS

*John 3 v 16 // Luke 19 v 10*

'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only begotten son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.'

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'For the son of man has come to seek and save the lost.'

day 02

## READ.

Jesus of Nazareth. The most famous person in history. God's Son. Performer of miracles. The grave couldn't hold him. But what was the point? Jesus is the only human ever to choose to be born, so... why? To answer this we have to go back to the beginning when sin entered the world, in this moment, humanity was separated from God. Sin isn't just bad actions but it's a state of being separated from God. And so as it's not just bad actions, it meant that it would have to take something far greater than good actions to save us from sin. This is where Jesus came in. you see, the truth is that Jesus came to die. Jesus died on the cross, rose again three days later, defeating death. When Jesus did this, he took on all sin, past, present and future and in doing this, he bridged the gap between god and humanity and saved us from our sin. Jesus came and he died and rose for you so that you might have a relationship with God and have eternal life. He didn't come to make bad people good, but he came to bring 'dead people' to life. It's the most loving thing anyone will ever do for you. This was the purpose of Jesus on Earth.

# PURPOSE OF THE BIBLE

*Psalm 119 v 105*

'Your  
word  
is a  
lamp  
for my  
feet,  
a light  
on my  
path.'

day 03

## READ.

I wonder what the best book you've ever read is? Maybe it's Harry Potter? Or Twilight? Or maybe you're more into comics? Or maybe, it's the bible? The common mis-conception about the bible is that it's outdated or irrelevant in this day and age. But this is just simply not true. Did you know, the Bible is the best-selling book of ALL time? There must be a reason behind this, surely?! Let's go back to your favourite book. How did it make you feel? It made you feel a certain way... right? Did it change your mood? Make you happy? Or excited? Or emotional? Probably. But, did it change your life? Did it dramatically change how you look at life and how you live it? More importantly, did you get to know and grow closer to God as a result of this book? Our passage today tells us that the bible is a light on our path, meaning that through it, God gives us wisdom and directs the way we go about living life. The bible also reveals to us who God is, his will for our lives, and explains the prophecies about and the life-changing message of Jesus Christ. It is God-inspired, meaning the creator of the UNIVERSE cared so much for us that through his holy spirit he inspired men to record his message, so that we could have it today. The bible is perfect if you want to gain wisdom, learn how to live a better life, hear from God, learn from Jesus and grow in your relationship with God.

# PURPOSE OF PRAYER

Genesis 16 v 13 // Genesis 46 v 2

'She answered God by name, praying to the God who spoke to her. "You're the God who sees me!'

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'God spoke to Israel in a vision that night "Jacob! Jacob!" "Yes?" He said. "I'm listening."

day 04

## READ.

Have you ever tried to have a conversation with someone but all they do is talk and talk and talk and never listen to what you have to say? It's the most annoying thing ever, right?! You'd never have a conversation with your friend or your mum or dad and just talk endlessly without listening to what they have to say, would you? Of course you wouldn't!! We often talk to people about our issues because we know they will have good advice, the same goes for God, but God has the BEST advice. In today's two verses we see that God both listens and speaks to us. Sometimes we get it mixed up and think prayer is all about talking to God. But, that was never how God intended it to be. Prayer is a two-way conversation. It's about speaking to God AND listening to what he has to say. Sometimes we may struggle to hear God's voice, often expecting a big booming voice to suddenly appear from nowhere. Remember yesterday we looked at the bible. We often hear the bible described as 'God's word'. This is because God has given us the bible so that we can hear from him, we can literally hear from God whenever we like, just by opening up his word. The purpose of prayer isn't to just get what we want from God, it's not about approaching God with our long list of needs, nor is it about us talking and talking and talking. No, the purpose of prayer is to have a conversation with the loving, true God, to draw close to him as he has drawn close to us. It is to allow God into our lives so that he can move within us. God isn't an intrusive God; he won't get involved if you don't ask him to. But, because he's loving, and will eternally care for you, he will get involved when you speak and listen to him, when you pray with him.

# PURPOSE OF WORSHIP

Romans 12 v 1-2

'So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life - your sleeping, eating, going to work, and walking around life - and place it before God as an offering... fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you and quickly respond to it...'

day 05

## READ.

Worship... what do you think of when you hear that word? Maybe you think of the worship songs we sing all the time or maybe, the stage design at the latest youth night. Have you ever stopped to think why we sing these songs? Why does God need to be sung to? Is there more to worship? The truth is, there's a lot more to worship than just singing songs. Worship is a lifestyle choice. It is placing God at the top of our list of priorities. It's about expressing God's love and living in submission to him. Psalm 96:2-4 tells us that when we sing to God, we are often singing for who he is and what's he done for us. When we sing songs of worship is also takes our eyes off ourselves and fixes them on God (read Colossians 3:2). This is when we will make a real difference in the world around us, when we fix our eyes on Jesus and take them off ourselves and our needs. We sing in order to respond to God. Psalm 27:8 puts it like this 'My heart has heard you say "come and talk to me." And my heart responds "Lord I am coming." We sing in response to him talking to us, we offer up our voice and our praise. Can you imagine how different our lives would look if we worshipped God in everything we did? This doesn't mean singing 'wonder' as you make a coffee, go to the toilet and sit in class. But, it means placing God at the top of our priority list, submitting our lives to him, fixing our eyes on him and responding to who he is and what he's done for us. When we do this, God will work in unimaginable ways through us.

# PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH

*Matthew 5 v 14-16*

'...You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colours in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill...'

day 06

## READ.

First of all, it's important to establish the fact that the church is the people of God, the followers of Jesus and not the building. Now that we understand this, people can sometimes wonder as the church 'why does the church meet on Sunday's?' or 'How is the church even relevant in today's society? Before Jesus ascended back to heaven, he said this to his followers "... go and make disciples of all nations..." This is part of what we call 'the great commission'; this is the purpose of the church - to share the gospel and to tell people the truth about who Jesus is. In a world full of: poverty, disease, racism, terrorism, war etc. Jesus says to his followers 'You're here to be salt and light'. 'Then why bother meeting on Sunday's? Some people might say. We as the church meet up meet up on Sundays to: learn from each other, encourage each other, worship God together, hear a message from the bible that'll help direct our lives, pray with each other and introduce non-believers to Christ. To be honest, there are so many reasons why the Church gathers and these are just some of them. When we look at the church, we're looking at the best community of people possible, it's simply a group of people looking to help and serve each other. But what's really important is this: The church is SO relevant in today's society because we carry the truth and salvation message that the rest of the world so desperately needs.

# WHY AM I HERE?

Matthew 28 v 19

'Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...'

day 07

## READ.

Why am I here? Have you ever asked yourself that? Maybe at a party for that distant relative that you only see at Christmas. Maybe not. But at some point in our lives we will all ask ourselves the big Q: Why did God choose to create me? What's my purpose in life?

So often we get it mixed up and say 'How can God play a part in my story?' but really we are all here as part of God's story. Let's go back to the beginning in Genesis 1:27 where it says 'So God created human being in his own image...' (NLT). In essence we are created to reflect the image of God - which can be lived out in so many ways; serving people, loving one another, loving God etc. Then in the new testament, Jesus comes along. He gives us one calling, one purpose '...go and make disciples of all nations.' This is bigger than any job role we may dream of, so, instead of seeing this as 'how can I find a job role that helps me live out my calling', see it as 'how can I live out my calling in whatever I step into'. This means that whatever talents, passions, gifting's we have... GO, DO IT and pursue that! But, do it reflecting the image of God. Go into your school with a positive attitude, be nice to the kid who nobody talks to, pursue your passions with all your heart. We exist today to allow God to use us in this life, it's the ultimate privilege. We exist today to love God and to show others how incredible a relationship with him is.



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## **QUESTIONS.**

1. What's your purpose?
2. Why did Jesus choose to come to Earth?
3. How does Matthew 5:14-16 apply to you and your life?
4. What stood out to you most this week?
5. What will you take away from this week?

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