**Edward Church *“What Is Your Purpose in Life?”* -pt2 Oct 10, 20**

***"I don't feel like my life has purpose. Is there any hope for me?"* Yes**! You **can** have **hope**—you were **created** by the **God** of **hope**. In the Bible, God **says** that He **created** you with a **specific plan** for your life. Your **life** can be **filled** with **hope** and **purpose** when you **choose** to **follow** God's **Will**....

*"'I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"* -**Jeremiah 29:11**

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**What Is Your Significance?**

* **Your Significance** has to do with your **importance**.
* **Your Significance** refers to your personal **value**, your individual **worth**.
* **Your Significance** is one of your three **God-given** inner **needs**. Those **three inner** needs are:
  + **Love**—**receiving** an **unchanging**, unconditional **commitment** from **another** regarding what is **best** for **you** *"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you"* -**John 15:12**
  + **Significance**—**knowing** your life has **meaning**/ **purpose** *"I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfills his purpose for me"* -**Psalm 57:2**
  + **Security**—being **grounded** with an **unshakable** sense of **belonging/** **acceptance** *"He who fears the Lord has a secure fortress"* -**Proverbs 14:26**

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The Following **Statements** Express Some of the **Desires** of Your **Heart**:

* "I want my life to **count**."
* "I want my life to make a **difference**."
* "I want my life to be **significant**."
* "I want my life to have **meaning**."
* "I want my life to have **purpose**."
* "I want my life to have an **impact**."
* "I want my life to stand for **something important**."
* "I want my life to have **value**."
* **Don’t Get** Caught **in the** Trap **of** Comparing **Your** Life **to the** Accomplishments **of** Others
* You **already** have **God-given** significance...  because of anything you have done, but because of what Christ has done for you.
* **You are Significant** because **God created** you in His **image**.*"Then God said, Let us make man in our image, in our likeness'"* -**Genesis 1:26**
* **You are Significant** because the **Lord designed** a **future** for you.*"Many, O Lord my God, are the wonders you have done. The things you planned for us no one can recount to you; were I to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to declare"* -**Psalm 40:5**
* **You are Significant** because **Jesus** **died** on the **cross** for you.*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life"* **-John 3:16**
* **Realize** that Jesus would **not** die for **anything** or anyone **insignificant**. You, indeed, have **God-given** **worth**....

*"Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."* -**Luke 12:6-7**

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