

## 20221023 THE INTRODUCTION

Life built by God' manual series Part 1

2 Timothy 3:16-17

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**Life has a meaning and purpose given by the Creator.**

### Proverbs 16:9

<sup>9</sup> In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps.

### Colossians 1:16

<sup>16</sup> For in him (Jesus Christ) all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

**Two kinds of life (Life by faith; life by sight)**

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### Proverbs 11:28

<sup>28</sup> A life devoted to things is a dead life, a stump (That's the life by sight); a God-shaped life is a flourishing tree (That's the life by faith).

**Life that stands; life that falls down**

Matthew 7:24-27

<sup>24</sup> "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. (The life by faith)

<sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

<sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.

<sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." (The life by sight)

*Today's lesson*

## 1. BRIEF DESCRIPTION ABOUT THE PURPOSE OF OUR LIFE ON EARTH

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Whatever we are going through today, that condition, that situation is not the point. The only important thing is our attitude of how to respond in that situation. Our choice, our response, and our decision, these are what shape who we truly are each moment and each day.

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There will come a day when the rain, the streams, and the winds will disappear forever. The house that is built on the eternal truth of God will stand forever.

This eternally standing character, that's what God is building in us every day in every situation.

## **2. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR LIFE'S PURPOSE AND THE BIBLE**

### **Genesis 19:15-16**

<sup>15</sup> With the coming of dawn, the angels urged Lot, saying, "Hurry! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or you will be swept away when the city is punished."

<sup>16</sup> When he hesitated, the men grasped his hand and the hands of his wife and of his two daughters and led them safely out of the city, for the Lord was merciful to them.

### **1 Corinthians 10:1-12**

<sup>1</sup> For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea.

<sup>2</sup> They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.

<sup>3</sup> They all ate the same spiritual food

<sup>4</sup> and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.

<sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered over the desert.

**<sup>6</sup> Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did.**

<sup>7</sup> Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in pagan revelry."

<sup>8</sup> We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died.

<sup>9</sup> We should not test the Lord, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes.

<sup>10</sup> And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.

**<sup>11</sup> These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come.**

<sup>12</sup> So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!

The Bible keeps our eyes to really important things in life – the eternal plan of God. Without humbly reading and **learning from the Bible, we are prone to seek the things in the world. The Word of God is like the polar star, the north star in the dark night on the sea when we have no other way to find a direction.**

**APPLICATION: Commit ourselves to the Word of God**

“Lord Jesus, would you search my heart? I would like my life to be built upon Your truth. I don’t want to be the judge of how I do with my life. I want you to be the judge. Would you teach me and guide me so that I may walk the path that Your Word directs? I humble myself before You this morning. I don’t want to focus on the conditions and situations, but on my attitude according to Your eternal truth.”