

Fresh Start Pt 3

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Fresh Purpose

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John 1:6-7, 19-28

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John 1:6 - There was a man sent from God whose name was John.

John was not necessarily great in the eyes of the world but he was great in the eyes of _____. Why?

He was filled with the _____ and fulfilled God's calling on His life.

You can do the same.

John 1:19 - Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was.

Sanhedrin -

Pharisees -

Sadducees -

John 1:20-21- He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah." 21 They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No."

1. Are you the _____?

2. Are you _____?

Malachi 4:5-6 - "See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. 6 He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction."

3. Are you the _____?

_____ helps you understand yourself

John 1:22-23 - Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" 23 John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'"

John 1:24-25- Now the Pharisees who had been sent 25 questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

_____ in the Old Testament -

John's baptism-

John 1:26-27- "I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. 27 He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie."

We tend to think we need to do great things, but don't realize it's not about what you do but _____ you do it for. It's not the greatness of the act but the greatness of the One you serve that _____.

John says I'm not _____, Jesus says John is the _____. Those two statements are linked.

John 1:28-This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Getting A _____

1. God loves you and has a _____ for your life your concept of God to a large extent controls your _____ with God

Every time something bad happens the devil is there to _____ for us.

Until we _____ that God has a good plan for our lives and He loves us you won't pursue Him

2. God's _____ for your life was established in your mother's womb (or actually before).

We also will never pursue God and His will for our lives until we can _____ for the way He made us

3. Our mistakes and the devils attacks don't _____ God's will for our lives

_____ - What you do

_____ - what God puts in your heart.

Often the best way to fulfill what is in your heart is to be _____ with what God has put in front of you.

4. God releases the knowledge of His will and activates us into it as we _____ to Him

5. God has called us and planted His purpose in our hearts but we need to open our _____.

Steps in prayer between you and God.

1. _____ that He has a good plan/purpose for our life
2. _____ for how and why He made us
3. _____ that we've sinned/made mistakes but that our purpose is still before us
4. Surrender to _____
5. _____ to open our eyes to what He's put before us

John 1:7 - He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe.