

## God's Destiny For your Life

Today I want to talk to you about God's destiny for your life.

This one always amazes me when I sit and think that the creator of the universe would care enough to have a destiny for my life.

Over and over in scripture God tells us that he has not only a purpose but a destiny for our lives.

Whether we fulfill that destiny contrary to many religious traditions and false teachings is up to us.

I think if I did a poll right in here right now all of us would throw up our hands and say yes I want to fulfill God's destiny for my life.

The question then becomes, do you really? And how bad do you want to fulfill that destiny?

As we all take this journey called life, we realize certain things about life.

Life can be hard—But with God it can be beautiful

Life brings challenges—But God has the answers

Life can hurt—But God is our healer

What is life all about? What is the purpose? Why am I here?

I have asked myself these questions a million times.

I always come back to the same answer—God has a destiny for our lives.

Back to the question of do you want to fulfill God's destiny for your life and just how bad do you want it.

The good news as you will hear throughout the sermon today is that God wants you to fulfill your destiny but he needs you to do your part.

There are key questions you must ask yourself and honestly answer if you want to know if you are doing your part.

You need to ask yourself if you are obedient to God?

Do you know and study His word?

Do you involve Him in your decision making?

These are all relevant questions in your understanding of God and how He works.

If you do not understand God and how He works you will never reach the destiny he has for you.

This is a relationship—a partnership if you will.

Have you ever reflected on the things He has pulled you through or the bondage He has freed you from in your life?

All these things that he has pulled you through or freed you from was building you up for the destiny that lays before you.

God wants to know we can handle the load before he trust us with carrying our destiny.

Many of times throughout scripture God made people wait and go through things to make sure they could bear the load.

We all know the story of Abraham and how he and Sarah had to wait for the child they were promised

Genesis 17 tells us Abraham was made the father of many nations

Joseph was sold by his brothers as a slave—falsely accused of wrong doing—imprisoned for years

Only to come out on the other side with forgiveness and love saved his family and was a leader in Egypt.

Time and time again as you read scripture you see people enduring things in life only to come out the other side to meet their destiny.

What did they all have in common? They were obedient—they knew God's word—and they involved him in their decision making.

Some of you may be sitting there right now saying what will be will be. Or another one often used by people is I guess it was fate.

Let's clear something up so we have no misunderstanding—you cannot believe in a sovereign God and the Bible and also believe in fate—chance or luck.

To be perfectly clear fatalism is a non-biblical concept.

Fatalism is used in many other religions. It's a huge part of Islam to a lesser degree but still a part in Hinduism and also in Greek mythology.

Christianity has no room for fate.

Pastor why is there no room for fate in Christianity? Because are God as it is written in the Bible gave us free will.

The Bible teaches us that man was created with the ability to make moral choices.

And here's the one we don't like, man is responsible for his choices.

See when we mess up we like to blame it on fate or bad luck or chance. We don't like to think about we made a bad choice.

Put it this way, fate as some would call it may bring you to the bank every Friday—but you have free will as to whether you are going to deposit that check or rob that bank.

And I promise you if you rob that bank your fate is sealed!

You have free will and you are accountable for it.

Read scriptures from paper

As we close today I want you to take a look at your life—look at all that you've been through good and bad.

These were all building blocks so the Lord would know you were able to bear the load.

The Lord is very serious about your destiny and how he has woven it specifically for you.

The Lord says to study His Word—that's so you can get to know him and his nature

He tells us to be obedient to His Word—that's not to keep you from anything, that's to protect you from yourself and this wicked world. He wants what is good for you.

And lastly, I've said it a million times before, He wants a relationship with you so that He can guide you in your decision making. He wants you to make the right choice every time. Include Him in your decisions and you will make that right choice.

So the next time trials and tribulation comes your way, don't ask the Lord why me, thank the Lord knowing He will bring you through it and you will be stronger on the other side.

