

## You Were Made for This

“The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master. His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD caused all that he did to succeed in his hands.” Genesis 39:2-3 (ESV)

It's easy to wonder if we're missing some mystical, great, noble purpose that's supposed to squeeze into our ordinary lives. We might feel numb. Or bored. We ask questions like: I'm in. I am all surrendered to God. But now what? What does He wants me to do?

God's goal for our lives is that we live in complete and utter surrender to and dependence on Him. He built us to need Him. And it's always His mercy to show us that need, whatever the cost. Living on mission with the Creator of the Universe is the most beautiful, purposeful thing we could do with our short time on earth. This is your purpose: to know God and make Him known. As we read the story of God through Scripture, we know we are to love, without hesitation, every person God puts in our paths. And we are to love God more than anything.

Are you searching for your calling in life? If you're reading this, you have the opportunity for ministry right under your nose, never needing to move or change a thing. Life is too short to spend time worrying about where on this planet you should be. As Jim Elliott, the great missionary-then-martyr said, “Wherever you are, be all there.”

Rather than becoming paralyzed with fear that you might move when you should stay or stay when you should move, pray and commit your ways to the Lord. And then go do something!

God invites us into His will like a loving dad in a swimming pool, asking his little child to jump. Whether that child jumps really far or barely scoots into the pool, that dad will move to catch him. So don't be afraid. God's will is moving, and if we will just jump, His will is going to catch us.

Joseph did this so beautifully. God had shown him that He would do awesome things, and rather than worry about being stuck in prison or as a slave in Potiphar's house, Joseph did great things with God wherever he was. You can do great works wherever you are. Likewise, don't be afraid to go — or be afraid to stay.

In heaven, even the most adventurous missionaries among us won't be rewarded because of an earthly location; they'll be rewarded for their obedience and faithfulness. Those who spent most of their lives in cubicles and driving in carpool lines will stand beside them receiving similar crowns. It's not our place of ministry that matters most; it's what we do in our places.

For Joseph, his calling and God's purpose for his life took determination and a conscious choice to surrender. He gave everything he had to serve well, even as a slave and a falsely accused inmate. Genesis 39:2-4 reminds us, “The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master. His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD caused all that he did to succeed in his hands.”

If we know that no place, no job, no marriage, no child is going to perfectly fulfill us, we can choose to quit fighting for happiness and start fighting for God's glory instead. It takes determination to trust Him while you're still in your place, doing the seemingly mundane tasks of life. Let's assume that if we're breathing, then we have a purpose for being here. Every one of us with breath in our lungs still has something left to do



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**April 14, 2019**

**We welcome you to all our services!**

Sunday:	10:00 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
Wednesday:	6:30 PM	Snacks & Devotion

# Announcements

Thanks to everyone who will be helping with the Easter Eggstravaganza next Saturday! **We will have a short meeting immediately following this morning's service to discuss the plans for the event.**

Please RSVP, to Lana, by 4/21 (next Sunday) if you are planning to attend Chelsey & Landon's wedding on May 18.

**Tonight:** Lighthouse Groups. Everyone will meet at Wayne & Cathy Mosby's home at 5:00 PM.

**Next Sunday:** We will not have Sunday School or Morning Service. We are attending an Easter Service at Big Spring Park beginning at 10:00 AM. We hope to see you there!

**April 26:** Deadline to submit applications for the Marble Scholarship for 2019/2020. The application is available on the table at the back of the church.

**April 28:** Rev. Chris Martin, and wife Vonda, from Batesville, AR will be ministering in both services

**Don't forget to discuss Sunday School  
& Kids Church  
with your children!**

This week we will be learning about Yahweh, the I AM. We will be following the lesson from Wednesday night church, Yahweh/Jehovah!

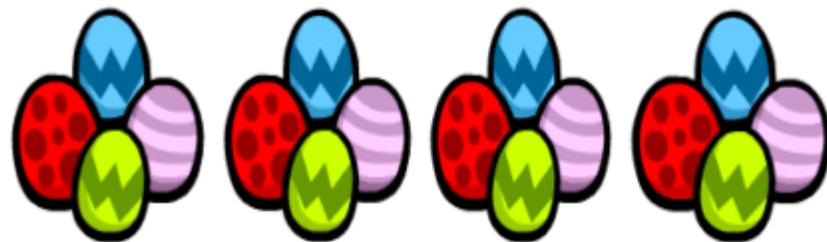
**Main Idea:** God's eternal, special name is Yahweh. Yahweh is the forever God, with no beginning or end and who never changes. Yahweh saves his people.

**Memory Verse:** "Those who know your name trust in you, for you, O LORD, do not abandon those who search for you." Psalm 9:10

## Thought of the Week

"We must not, in trying to think about how we can make a big difference, ignore the small daily differences we can make which, over time, add up to big differences that we often cannot foresee."

- Marian Wright Edelman



## Easter Eggstravaganza! Saturday, April 20

**Morse Park North** (across from large flowerbox)

**NOON:** Bouncy Houses YMCA activities Hot Dogs  
Face Painting Snow Cones Popcorn Cotton Candy

## 1pm Easter Egg Hunts

**Toddlers - age 13**

**"Clear the Field"**

Bring your own Easter basket

Everything is FREE



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