

Fresh Air Part 2: Finding Purpose

(Job 33:4 NLT) *"For the Spirit of God has made me, and **the breath of the Almighty gives me life.**"*

(2 Timothy 1:16 TLB) *"May the Lord bless Onesiphorus and all his family because he visited me and encouraged me often. His visits revived me like **a breath of fresh air.**"*

Fresh Air principle #1: Fall in love with Jesus.

Purposeless

- ✓ Aimless
- ✓ Pointless
- ✓ Meaningless
- ✓ Worthless
- ✓ Needless

(Exodus 13:17, 18 NLT) *"When Pharaoh finally let the people go, God did not lead them along the main road that runs through Philistine territory, even though that was the shortest route to the Promised Land. God said, 'If the people are faced with a battle, they might change their minds and return to Egypt.' **So God led them in a roundabout way** through the wilderness toward the Red Sea. Thus the Israelites left Egypt like an army ready for battle."*

Fresh Air Principle #2: Find and live out God's purpose for your life.

Finding Purpose

1. Get ready.

(Joshua 1:1, 2 NIV) *"After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: 'Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites.'"*

(Job 36:5 NIV) *"God is mighty, but **despises no one**; He is mighty, and firm in His purpose."*

A delay doesn't mean you've been denied by God.

2. Take the next step.

(Joshua 1:3 NIV) *"I will give you every place where you **set your foot**"*

God's purpose is a journey not a destination.

(Psalm 84:5 NIV84) "Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on **pilgrimage.**"

3. Don't get distracted.

(Joshua 1:5, 6 NIV) "No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them."

Detours may actually be God's direction and protection.

(2 Timothy 1:9 NLT) "For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was **His plan from before the beginning of time**—to show us His grace through Christ Jesus."

4. Stay in God's Word.

(Joshua 1:7, 8 NIV) "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. **Keep this Book of the Law** always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."

You will always be purposeless if you're promise-less.

Your view isn't the final verse written about your life.

(Isaiah 55:11 NIV) "So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."

5. Get over it.

(Joshua 23:14 NIV) "Now I am about to go the way of all the earth. You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the Lord your God gave you has failed. **Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed.**"

What the devil meant to define you negatively God is determined to use for good.

(Romans 8:28 NASB) "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."