

Memory verse:

(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.

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.

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.

2. Take the next step.

(Joshua 1:3, 4 NIV) I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west.

(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.

(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.

(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 1:9 NIV) Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

(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.

Fresh Air Principle #4

(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.

(Joshua 24:15 NIV) But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

Find and live out God's purpose for my life.

Upcoming events:

November 2nd Starting Point at 11:15am in Langston Hughes Academy Library. Lunch and childcare provided.