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Introduction

Do you wonder if God really has a plan for your life? Do you ask yourself questions like these?

- *What difference can I make?*
- *Does anything I do really matter?*

Maybe what I'm talking about is all new to you. Maybe you've never thought about your life beyond school and friends and video games. If that's the case, I'm about to rock your world. I want to introduce you to the idea of purpose.

Purpose is a big deal, but it's also a lot simpler than you may think. Ultimately, as followers of Jesus Christ, our purpose is to know God and make Him known. And we do that by loving and serving Him and others.

You are holding this book in your hand right now because you want to make your life count. You want to make a difference, but you're not exactly sure where to start and how to keep going. Well, guess what? God wants to use *you* within His great plan for humanity. He has a plan and a purpose for *your* life! And I'm going to be with you for the next 365 days to help you discover what that is.

This devotional is broken down into a wide range of topics that are going to teach you what it takes to live a mission-possible life, including the basics of a mission mindset, what it really means to sacrifice, and discovering that weakness can actually be a strength. A few times a month, you'll also have a chance to hear from some special people in my life, people we've served through the Tim Tebow Foundation (TTF) who have graciously offered to share words of comfort, hope, and challenge through their perspective of what it means to live mission possible.

Also, I've written a prayer for you to pray through twice a month, taken from a mix of different Bible verses. Look up in the translation of your choice the scriptures I've listed and spend time meditating on them.

Here's what each month will typically look like:

<i>Day 1</i>	<i>opening prayer</i>
<i>Days 2–8</i>	<i>themed devotionals (topic 1)</i>
<i>Days 9–15</i>	<i>themed devotionals (topic 2)</i>
<i>Day 16</i>	<i>mid-month prayer</i>
<i>Days 17–23</i>	<i>themed devotionals (topic 3)</i>
<i>Days 24–31</i>	<i>themed devotionals (topic 4)</i>

At the end of every three months, I offer you three days of what I call mission essentials. These devotionals will target timeless truths to keep you encouraged, anchored, and focused on God as you continue to live mission possible.

Take your time reading these devos. Don't rush through them. Give yourself a chance to hear God speak to your heart and offer you some spiritual training.

Let's start making each day count, together.

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January 1

A Prayer for Newness



Dear God,

Thank You for being the Maker of all things new. As someone who trusts in Jesus, I believe that what You say in the Bible is true. The old has gone and the new is here. I am a new creation. Today is a new day.

Help me to make good decisions and say goodbye to bad habits and bad attitudes. Remind me that I am Your child, and help me to grow in You.

When I get overwhelmed, remind me that I am Your masterpiece—that even before I was born, You created me to do good works in Your name. I pray those things come to pass in their right time.

As I begin to read and grow through these devotions, teach me to value what's most important. Thank You for leading and guiding me.

In Jesus's name I pray. Amen.

Based on: 2 Corinthians 5:17; Isaiah 43:18–19; Romans 12:2; Ephesians 2:10; 1:18

January 2

The Greatest Trade



If anyone is in Christ, this person is a new creation;
the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.
2 Corinthians 5:17

In 1975, in what was probably one of the worst trades in sports history, the Milwaukee Bucks traded Kareem Abdul-Jabbar to the Los Angeles Lakers. Abdul-Jabbar would go on to win five championship titles and a record six MVPs. There have been plenty of other disappointing trades in the athletic world, which makes me grateful for being on the receiving end of the greatest trade in history.

When God gives us the chance to change our sin for the righteousness of Christ, He offers us the opportunity to go from old to new. From dead to alive. Darkness to light. Bondage to freedom. Separation from God to united with Christ. Lost to found. We don't have to earn or work for salvation. Jesus paid the price for us.

When we accept Jesus, we are made right with God, and we experience the joy of a new, purpose-filled life. So live out of that joy. You have been traded to the greatest team of all: the family of God!

**How does being reminded that you are part of the
greatest trade of all make you feel?**

January 3

You Are a Divine Work of Art



We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus
for good works, which God prepared beforehand
so that we would walk in them.


Ephesians 2:10

Many people spend their lives hoping to fit in. Maybe you've worn the same brands or listened to the same music as everyone else, more to feel like you belong than because you really like those things. It's funny how hard we can attempt to be something we're not.

Trying to fit in is a solid strategy for living an average life. But God didn't call you to be average. He didn't make you the same as everyone else. When the apostle Paul called us God's workmanship, he used the Greek word *poiema*, which means "the works of God as creator."¹ Some translations use "masterpiece" instead of "workmanship."

When you begin to see yourself as God sees you, trying to fit in is going to be a lot less important to you. Be free to be who God says you are. You matter too much to Him to be just like everyone else.

**How does knowing you are a masterpiece created
for good works make you feel about yourself?**



January 4

God Is Looking for You



The eyes of the LORD roam throughout the earth, so that
He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.

2 Chronicles 16:9

God wants to help you live a mission-possible life. This can be done only through Him.

The verse above talks about how God is looking for people who are loyal to Him. The words were spoken by a prophet called Hanani to King Asa of Judah, the southern kingdom of Israel. King Asa had once relied on God to deliver him from a fierce enemy. God had come through and proved His faithfulness. For the next thirty-five years, King Asa enjoyed a peaceful reign. However, when Baasha, the king of the northern kingdom of Israel, threatened to invade Judah, King Asa's dependence on God shattered. Instead of seeking help from God, King Asa looked elsewhere. Hanani scolded the king and reminded him that God looks for people who wholeheartedly seek Him.

It seems much easier at times to depend on ourselves or others rather than on a God we cannot see. Yet He is looking for the heart that is committed to Him. Will His eyes land on you?

**What is holding you back from
being all in with God?**

January 5

Aim for Significance

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What good will it do a person if he gains
the whole world, but forfeits his soul?

Matthew 16:26

I believe that one of the greatest tragedies is to reach the end of one's life and look back and say, "I was successful in things that did not matter." I want you to be successful, but more than anything, I want you to be *significant*. When you live for Jesus and you love people, you're going to have a life of significance.

I think of success as being focused on self, reaching certain dreams, or excelling in whatever goals we have assigned ourselves. But significance has an outward reach. When we succeed, we influence our own lives; when we are significant, we influence the lives of others. To achieve lasting significance, you have to find a need and use your gifts to meet it. Begin by serving others with the gifts God has given you. Use whatever you have—a lot or a little—for the good of others. To be truly successful, aim for significance.

What's one way significance is greater than success?

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