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HOW CAN I HARVEST MY DIVINE PURPOSE?

Part 4

DO WHAT YOU LOVE DOING!

NEVER GIVE UP!

STAYING FAITHFUL TO MY PURPOSE

NOTHING CAN TAKE THE PLACE OF WORK!

Genesis 12:1-5 – The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

² “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. ⁵ He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

#1 ABRAM LOVED THE LORD – AND LOVED THE LIFE OF FAITH. HE LOVED IT!

1 Samuel 30:3-6 – When David and his men reached Ziklag, they found it destroyed by fire and their wives and sons and daughters taken captive. ⁴ So David and his men wept aloud until they had no strength left to weep. ⁵ David’s two wives had been captured—Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail, the widow of Nabal of Carmel. ⁶ David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters. But David found strength in the Lord his God.

#2 THE MAN OR WOMAN OF GOD MUST NEVER GIVE UP

Ruth 3:1-6 – One day Ruth’s mother-in-law Naomi said to her, “My daughter, I must find a home for you, where you will be well provided for. ² Now Boaz, with whose women you have worked, is a relative of ours. Tonight he will be winnowing barley on the threshing floor. ³ Wash, put on perfume, and get dressed in your best clothes. Then go down to the threshing floor, but don’t let him know you are there until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴ When he lies down, note the place where he is lying. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down. He will tell you what to do.”

⁵ “I will do whatever you say,” Ruth answered. ⁶ So she went down to the threshing floor and did everything her mother-in-law told her to do.

#3 WE MUST BE FAITHFUL TO THE LORD IN ORDER TO HARVEST OUR DIVINE PURPOSE IN LIFE

Ruth 4:13-17 – So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When he made love to her, the Lord enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son. ¹⁴ The women said to Naomi: “Praise be to the Lord, who this day has not left you without a guardian-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel! ¹⁵ He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth.”

¹⁶ Then Naomi took the child in her arms and cared for him. ¹⁷ The women living there said, “Naomi has a son!” And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Discussion Questions

1. Do What You Love Doing! Abram was fully committed to life with Jehovah. He BELIEVED in and loved God so completely that he knew, without a doubt, that God always had a reason for what He wanted Abram to do. How can you apply this absolute love of God’s guidance and provision to your life?

2. Never Give Up! David and his men never gave up. Against all odds they fought for their identity in God, believing He had their backs. What does this look like today? How can we embrace our identity in God as we keep moving toward our goals?

3. Stay Faithful to Your Purpose! Ruth discovered and harvested her divine purpose for living because she remained FAITHFUL. Why do you think faith was the key to her finding happiness and security?

Take Action

Right now, this very minute, make a commitment to yourself and to God that you will *do what you love doing*. Embrace your identity in God and allow the certainty that God is with you to *never give up* as you work toward your goals. Above all, make a commitment to *stay faithful* to God’s purpose in your life.