

# Daily Devotions: The Call is For You

Welcome to the What On Earth Am I Here For Series. This week's devotions will be on, "The Call is For You."

## Day One

The way you see your life shapes your life.

How you define life determines your destiny. Your perspective will influence how you invest your time, spend your money, use your talents, and value your relationships.

One of the best ways to understand other people is to ask them, "How do you see your life?" You will discover that there are as many different answers to that question as there are people. I've been told life is a circus, a minefield, a roller coaster, a puzzle, a symphony, a journey, and a dance. People have said, "Life is a carousel: Sometimes you're up, sometimes you're down, and sometimes you just go round and round" or "life is a ten-speed bicycle with gears we never use" or "life is a game of cards: You have to play the hand you are dealt."

If I asked how you picture life, what image would come to your mind? That image is your life metaphor. It's the view of life that you hold, consciously or unconsciously, in your mind. It's your description of how life works and what you expect from it. People often express their life metaphors through clothes, jewellery, cars, hairstyles, bumper stickers, even tattoos. Your unspoken life metaphor influences your life more than you realise. It determines your expectations, your values, your relationships, your goals, and your priorities. For instance, if you think life is a party, your primary value in life will be having fun. If you see life as a race, you will value speed and will probably be in a hurry much of the time. If you view life as a marathon, you will value endurance. If you see life as a battle or a game, winning will be very important to you.

What is your view of life? You may be basing your life on a faulty life metaphor. To fulfil the purposes God made you for, you will have to challenge conventional wisdom and replace it with the biblical metaphors of life. The Bible says, "Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of God."

## Day 2

Point to ponder: I am not an accident.

Verse to Remember: "I am your Creator. You were in my care even before you were born," - Isaiah 44:2

Your existence is not an accident, no matter who you are. The reason you are alive is because God wanted you alive. He chose just the right DNA to create you. Every part of you, including your personality and circumstances, was carefully crafted and planned by God. You're here for a purpose and your life matters.

While there are illegitimate parents, there are no illegitimate children. Many children are unplanned by their parents, but they are not unplanned by God. God's purpose took into account human error, and even sin.

God never does anything accidentally, and he never makes mistakes. He has a reason for everything he creates. Every plant and every animal was planned by God, and every person was designed with a purpose in mind.

Long before you were conceived by your parents, you were conceived in the mind of God. God's motive for creating you was his love. The Bible says, "Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love."

God was thinking of you even before he made the world. In fact, that's why he created it! God designed this planet's environment just so we could live in it. We are the focus of his love and the most valuable of all his creation. The Bible says, "God decided to give us life through the word of truth so we might be the most important of all the things he made." This is how much God loves and values you!

Question to consider: I know that God uniquely created me. What areas of my personality, background, and physical appearance, am I struggling to accept?

### Day 3

Point to ponder: Living on purpose is the path to peace.

Verse to remember: "You, Lord, give perfect peace to those who keep their purpose firm and put their trust in you," Isaiah 26:3

We are all driven by something. It could be an emotion (such as guilt, fear or worry), the desire to get ahead or need to fit in. What drives your life? The answer to this question is crucial and will determine your happiness. We can choose the right thing, -to be driven by God's purposes and to live a life trusting in Him. This leads to peace and significance. It's an important choice. It's something only you can decide.

Question to Consider: What would my family or friends say is the driving force of my life? What do I want it to be?

### Day 4

Point to ponder: There is more life than just here and now.

Verse to remember: "This world is fading away, along with everything it craves. But if you do the will of God, you will live forever." - 1 John 2:17

We all have a desire to live forever... A lingering hope that there is more than just this life. This desire is God-given. It's the way He made us. We are not just made for the here and now. When we understand that this life is only preparation for the next, it changes our perspective and how we

love. When we truly understand that our choices now will have eternal consequences, it changes everything.

The Bible calls your earthly body a "tent," but refers to your future body as a "house." The Bible says, "When this tent we live in-our body here on earth-is torn down, God will have a house in Heaven for us to live in, a home he himself has made, which will last forever."

While life on earth offers many choices, eternity offers only two: heaven or hell. Your relationship to God on earth will determine your relationship to him in eternity. If you learn to love and trust God's Son, Jesus, you will be invited to spend the rest of eternity with him. On the other hand, if you reject his love, forgiveness, and salvation, you will spend eternity apart from God forever.

C. S. Lewis said, "There are two kinds of people: those who say to God 'Thy will be done' and those to whom God says, 'All right then, have it your way. ' Tragically, many people will have to endure eternity without God because they chose to live without him here on earth.

When you fully comprehend that there is more to life than just here and now, and you realise that life is just preparation for eternity, you will begin to live differently. You will start living in light of eternity, and that will colour how you handle every relationship, task, and circumstance.

Suddenly many activities, goals, and even problems that seemed so important will appear trivial, petty and unworthy of your attention. The closer you live to God, the smaller everything else appears. This life is preparation for the next.

When you live in light of eternity, your values change. You use your time and money more wisely. You place a higher premium on relationships and character instead of fame or wealth or achievements or even fun. Your priorities are reordered. Keeping up with trends, fashions, and popular values just doesn't matter as much anymore. Paul said, "I once thought all these things were so very important, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done."

If your time on earth was all there is to your life, I would suggest you start living it up immediately. You could forget being good and ethical, and you wouldn't have to worry about any consequences of your actions. You could indulge yourself in total self-centred because your actions would have no long-term repercussions. But-and this makes all the difference-death is not the end of you! Death is not your termination, but your transition into eternity, so there are eternal consequences to everything you do on earth. Every act of our lives strikes some chord that will vibrate in eternity.

Question to consider: Since I was made to last forever, what is the one thing I should stop doing and the one thing I should start doing today?

## Day 5

Point To Ponder: Life is a test and a trust.

Verse To Remember: "Unless you are faithful in small matters, you won't be faithful in large ones."  
- Luke 16:19a

The way you see your life shapes your life. As humans, we naturally see life from our own point of view, which is a narrow, limited perspective. However, learning to see life from God's point of view is called Wisdom. He can see ahead and it's safer to put your life and trust in Him. Choose to make this paradigm shift. Choose to see life from God's point of view. It changes how we face the tests that God allows to grow our character and prepare us for eternity. It changes how we manage all that He entrusts to us.

Question To Consider: What has happened to me recently that I now realise was a test from God? What are the greatest matters God has entrusted to me?

## Day 6

Point To Ponder: This world is not my home.

Verse to remember: "So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal," 2 Corinthians 4:18

The Bible repeatedly says that life is our preparation or dress rehearsal for eternity. This life is temporary. Understanding this should dramatically alter our focus, as well as our values about time, money and relationships. The way we use our time and money shows what is important in our lives. It reveals our priorities and also affects our rewards in heaven. Ask God to help you have an eternal perspective.

Question to consider: How should the fact that life on earth is just a temporary assignment change the way I am living right now?

## Day 7

Point to ponder: It's all for Him.

Verse to remember: "For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever, Amen." Romans 11:36 NIV

Have you ever wondered what you're supposed to do with your time in earth? Why God created the universe? Why He made you and me? God made it all for His glory —to show us what He is really like. The glory of God is in His nature, His character, who He is, His splendour and His power. Our job while we are on earth is to declare, reflect and bring Glory to God.

A decision to make: You have to decide if you are going to live for your glory or God's. God is inviting you to love for His glory and to fulfil His purpose in your life. You need to trust in the Lord above all else.

Question to consider: Where is my daily routine can I become more aware of God's glory?