

INFLUENCE 2019- Session 5

Why am I here? April 7th 2019

MESSAGE EXCERPT

There is a plan God has for your life, God has a purpose for your existence. God has you in His agenda. There are two things that are very important as they will keep you on track, relaxed and committed.

1. Finding Self (Locating God's Will for your life)
2. Losing Self (Living out that purpose)

Why then are these important?

- Many people never find themselves and never lose themselves.
- Many others find themselves but never lose themselves. Its one thing to locate God's purpose and yet another to fulfil it.
- Very few truly find themselves and lose themselves- Mark 8:35-36 (NLT, MSG)

How then do I find myself?

1. Not everyone would discover God's purpose for their lives personally, it may be because God has someone for you that is connected to your destiny to bring you out (Matthew 4:19- KJV). There is someone that is to help you manifest your destiny. For instance, the disciples were never able to manifest their destinies until they met Jesus.

Until you follow the people God has ordained for you, you won't be able to find the real you, God places men and causes you to locate them, in that way, your assignment is brought to light. Matthew 4:19 (TPT). Your assignment with another or your partnering with another may just be the reason you came.

Vision work is teamwork. Keep committing yourself to the cause of another, God would bring you out. Titus, Silas, Timothy and other great guys who worked closely with Paul fulfilled their assignment within Paul's assignment. God raised Jonathan as the Kingmaker for David. Some may never find purpose without finding others and giving themselves to them. Your carelessness is to your own disadvantage. God can literally place a He wants

you to accomplish within the purpose of someone else. Until you serve the person, you may not find yourself in the plan of God for your life.

God has a purpose for everyone, but while you wait on Him to reveal it to you, stay committed to another man's assignment. When God sees you are committed to another man's assignment, He would bring you out to fulfil yours. You can't be more passionate about a vision than God Himself, so stay calm and serve another. When it is truly time, everyone would truly bear witness with you that its time!

My question to you right now is this, ***what have you committed yourself to?*** In that Job you may term 'little or nothing', how are you handling matters? Don't brag about the vision of tomorrow when you don't pay attention to the little details of today.

David was anointed King of Israel, but he still decided to serve as Saul's Amour-bearer- 1 Samuel 16:13, 21 (KJV). When it's got to do with God's vision, God would always give you something bigger than you, but then, you will have to start somewhere.

How then do I lose myself?

When you give yourself to something bigger than you, you are set to discover your true self. How then do you get here? Many people find themselves and never lose themselves. How do you lose yourself? These should be your resolves:

1. I want to be different.
2. I want to be different, doing something that is different.
3. I want to be different, doing something that is different; with people that make a difference. *One man is too small a number to attain true greatness.*
4. I want to be different, doing something that is different; with people that make a difference, in a time that makes a difference.

That is, it must count, I want to do something that is relevant/significant/something that counts. What's the point of doing something relevant when it's too late? See beyond your family. Lose your life for Christ's sake.

You will discover all through Scriptures, no one goes out to serve 'a people' and remain the same. There is a clear difference between ***a career*** and ***a calling***. ***A career*** something you are involved with in order to please yourself. ***A calling***, on the other hand, is something you are

involved with in order to please God and serve a generation. If you keep serving with sincerity of heart and commitment to God, you will make a difference ultimately.

There are a few things to do here. You need to review your life! You should ask a few question

- How have I lived my life, what difference have I made in that office? Not we made a difference, but I made a difference.

Get your life soaked into other someone else's. You will realize that every genuine discovery and invention centers around people, not the individual in question

- What am I living for? Jesus Whosoever loses his life shall find it, Mark 8:35-36 (NLT)
- Who am I living for? Ephesians 5: 15-17 (MSG)

Some time ago, the Lord brought me into something He called '**5 Everlasting Questions**' from Ephesians 5:15-17 (MSG)

- Be careful with your life
- Live wisely, David behaved himself wisely in front of Saul
- Make the most of the time, don't make promises and disappoint with what you said to do.
- Take advantage of every opportunity to do good Eph 5:16 (TLB). It opens you to destiny.
- Make sure you understand what the master wants from you.

By now, after 5 sessions on **why am I here**, you should be able to have a value system for your life- a structure that defines you and depicts where you are headed.

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