

CrossWalk **notes**

What's Your Why?

You Are God's Masterpiece

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What does it mean to live a fulfilled life and where do I start?

¹³I devoted myself to **search for understanding** and to explore by wisdom everything being done under heaven. I soon discovered that God has dealt a tragic existence to the human race.

¹I said to myself, "Come on, **let's try pleasure**. Let's look for the 'good things' in life." But I found that this, too, was meaningless.

⁴I also tried to find **meaning by building** huge homes for myself and by planting beautiful vineyards.

¹¹But as I looked at everything I had worked so hard to accomplish, it was all so meaningless—like chasing the wind. There was nothing really worthwhile anywhere. **Ecclesiastes 1:13, 2:1,4,11, NLT**

Even tremendously _____ individuals can feel incredibly _____ based on their accomplishments.

¹As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ²in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. **Ephesians 2:1-3, NIV**

Trying to fill an unhealthy _____ as a means for fulfillment is a dead end away from God.

⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

Ephesians 2:4-5, NIV

The starting point for meaning in my life is to realize that it is not about _____.

⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹not by works, so that no one can boast. **Ephesians 2:8-9, NIV**

Finding meaning in my life does not come from what I _____, but from being loved _____.

¹⁰For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. **Ephesians 2:10, NIV**

²⁰I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. **Galatians 2:20, NIV**

Exploring God's eternal purpose in making you is the _____ of every newly created life in Jesus.

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My next step: I will stop trying to find significance in my accomplishments. I will embrace my identity as a child of God and explore the eternal purposes for which Jesus has hand-made me.

What's your next step?

Mark it on your communication card.