THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE · DAY 3

What Drives Your Life?

Something is always in the driver's seat of your life. When God is driving, He leads you toward peace, purpose, and meaning.

DAY 1 · WHERE WE'VE BEEN

It All Starts with God

It's not about me. Everything was created through Him and for Him, including you. *Colossians 1:16*

DAY 2 · WHERE WE'VE BEEN

You Are Not an Accident

Your parents may not have planned you, but God did. You were made on purpose, for a purpose. *Isaiah 44:2*

> ***If God made me on purpose, what is driving my life right now, and where is it taking me?***

To **drive** something means to guide it, control it, and direct it. Every life is driven by something: your phone, your friends, your grades, your sports, or your fears. None of those things are bad. They just don't belong behind the wheel. When the right thing drives, your life moves toward peace and purpose. When the wrong thing drives, you can end up in a ditch.

FIVE DRIVERS THAT STEER US OFF COURSE

DRIVER 1 **Guilt**	*"I messed up, so I'll always be a mess-up."* Letting past mistakes define you and decide your future.	**The truth:** There is no condemnation for those in Christ. God forgives, and He still sees the best in you. *Romans 8:1*
DRIVER 2 **Anger**	*"I'm never forgiving them."* Holding a grudge hurts you more than the other person. They moved on while you stay stuck.	**The truth:** Letting go sets you free. Forgive the way God forgave you. *Ephesians 4:32*
DRIVER 3 **Fear**	*"What if I mess up or they laugh?"* Playing it safe and missing what God has for you.	**The truth:** God gave you power, love, and a sound mind, not fear. On the other side of fear is faith. *2 Timothy 1:7*
DRIVER 4 **Stuff**	*"I'll be happy when I get the new game."* Chasing the newest, biggest, and best things.	**The truth:** Your value is not determined by your valuables. Things are temporary. God is eternal. *Matthew 6:33*
DRIVER 5 **Approval**	*"I need more likes."* Letting other people's opinions decide who you are.	**The truth:** The only acceptance that defines you is God's. He made you to stand out, not just fit in. *Galatians 1:10*

THE SECOND HALF OF DAY 3

When purpose takes the wheel, it gives you...

Meaning
Life makes sense when you know why you're here.

Simplicity
You know what to say yes to and what to say no to.

Focus
You stop trying to do everything and do what matters to God.

Motivation
A reason to keep going when life gets hard.

Eternity
It gets you ready for forever. That's Day 4.

PICTURES TO REMEMBER

God is your GPS
A navigation app sees the potholes, traffic, and detours ahead and steers you around them. God does that for your life. Ask Him every day, "Where do You want me to go?"

Portrait mode
Tap the person you want in focus and the background blurs. When guilt, fear, or approval tries to photobomb your picture, tap God back into focus and the rest fades.

The rearview mirror
A car has a rearview mirror so you can glance back, not so you can drive staring into it. Learn from yesterday, then keep your eyes on the road ahead.

No swag like God's swag
When God works through you, you walk with your head up. You won't look like anybody else. You'll look like the one He made you to be.

HOW WE KEEP GOD IN FOCUS

- **Study His Word**
- **Pray every day**
- **Talk with Him about everything**
- **Speak what God says**
- **Let go of yesterday and turn back to Him**

MEMORY VERSE

"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you."

ISAIAH 26:3 · NIV

In plain words: when you keep your mind on God and trust Him, He gives you a peace nothing else can give.

Checkpoint
Which driver tries to grab your wheel the most: guilt, anger, fear, stuff, or approval? Naming it is the first step. When you name it, it loses its power, and you know who to run to.

Pray it
Jesus, take the wheel. Order my steps and direct my path. Help me let go of what's been driving me, and give me the courage to follow You. Amen.

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Day 4: Made to Last Forever
Read Day 4 before we meet, and write down one thing you think will still matter a thousand years from now.