



### Part 3 – What on earth am I here for?

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*Why was I born? Was it only to have trouble and sorrow, to end my life in disgrace?*  
(Jeremiah 20:18, GNT)

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Why am I here?

- A question of \_\_\_\_\_
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- *You created in my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb...I am...wonderfully made.* (Psalm 139:13-14)
- We exist because God \_\_\_\_\_.
- We are products of \_\_\_\_\_ design and creation.
- I am alive for a \_\_\_\_\_ and I have a reason to \_\_\_\_\_.

Does my life matter?

- We will leave an \_\_\_\_\_ in the lives of people we touch.
- Three levels of life
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
- God has a \_\_\_\_\_ for your life and that is where you find true significance.
- If I am alive for a reason and I have a reason to live, then my life \_\_\_\_\_.

What is my purpose?

- *It's not about you. The purpose of your life is far greater than your own personal fulfillment, your peace of mind, or even your happiness. It's far greater than your family, your career, or even your wildest dreams and ambitions. If you want to know why you*

were placed on this planet, you must begin with God. You were born **by** his purpose and **for** his purpose.”<sup>1</sup>

- My purpose is to...
  - \_\_\_\_\_ God
  - \_\_\_\_\_ in my relationship with God
  - \_\_\_\_\_ to the family of God
  - \_\_\_\_\_ my faith in God
  - \_\_\_\_\_ in and through the family of God

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Next Steps

- When am I most likely to think about the question, “Why am I here?” Do I tend to think about it as question of existence or a question of survival or both?
- What difference does it make if humans are created rather than being the unintended consequence of random mutations and evolutionary change?
- How much time have spent wishing I could be like someone else? How should the fact that God created me affect those ideas?
- Do I feel like I have a reason to live? If not, why? If so, what is it?
- When am I most likely to think about the question, “Does my life matter?”
- What kind of aroma does my life most often leave behind?
- At what level am I currently living? At what level have I lived the longest?
- When am I most likely to wonder if there’s something more to this life?
- For what purpose have I lived my life up until this point in time?
- Which of the five purposes seem most pressing to me right now? Why?
- What word best describes my spiritual life right now? Why? (Ask a friend to honestly answer this question about you.)
  - Seeker
  - Brand new believer
  - Stumbler
  - Spiritually mature

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<sup>1</sup> Warren, Rick. 2002. *The Purpose Driven Life*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, p. 5.