WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR?

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LIFE'S 3 GREATEST QUESTIONS

1. QUESTION OF EXISTENCE: WHY AM I ALIVE?

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

GOD SAYS:

• I WAS CREATED

"Love comes from God... for <u>God IS love</u>. God showed how much he loved us by sending His only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him."1 John 4:7-9 (NLT) "Long before God laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, and settled on us as <u>the focus of His love</u>, to be made whole and holy by His love."Ephesians 1:4 (Msg)

God:

"I have loved you with an everlasting love!" Jeremiah 31:3 (NIV)

2. QUESTION OF SIGNIFICANCE: DOES MY LIFE MATTER?

DAVID: "I remember how short my life is. Why did you create us? For nothing?"Psalm 89:47 (NCV) JOB: "Why should I work so hard for nothing?"Job 9:29 (GW) SOLOMON: "Laughing and having fun is crazy. What good does it do?"Ecclesiastes 2:2 (CEV)

GOD SAYS:

HE CARES ABOUT

"Not even a sparrow, can fall to the ground without your Heavenly Father knowing it. The very hairs on your head are all numbered! So don't be afraid; you are <u>far more valuable</u> to Him than a whole flock of sparrows."Matthew 10:29-31 (NLT)

• *HE*_____

BEFORE MY BIRTH.

"You... scheduled each day of my life <u>before I began to breathe</u>. Every day was recorded in Your book!"Psalm 139:16 (LB)

• *HE MADE ME*_____

"God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has <u>planted eternity in the human heart</u>, but people can't see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end."Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NLT) "The world and everything in it is passing away; but those who do the will of God <u>will live forever</u>."1 John 2:17 (TEV)

3. INTENTION: IS THERE A PURPOSE FOR MY LIFE?

ISAIAH: "My work all seems so <u>useless</u>! I have spent my strength for nothing and for no <u>purpose at all</u>."Isa. 49:4a (NLT)

GOD SAYS:

HE MADE ME

"The Lord has made everything for His own purposes." Prov. 16:4a (NTL)

How do I discover my purpose in life?

"Everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible ... everything got started in Him and finds its purpose in Him."Col 1:16 (Msg)

"Knowing God results in every other kind of understanding."Pr. 9:10b (LB)

"It's in Christ that we find out <u>who we are</u> and <u>what we are living for</u>... part of the <u>overall purpose</u> He is working out in everything and everyone."Eph. 1:11-12 (Msg)

"It makes no difference who you are or where you're from—if you want God and are ready to do as He says, the door is open."Acts 10:35 (Msg)