

# The Purpose Driven Life

Today I am stepping across the line. I'm tired of waffling, and I'm finished with wavering. I've made my choice, the verdict is in, and my decision is irrevocable. I'm going God's way. There's no turning back now.

I will live the rest of my life serving God's purposes with God's people on God's planet for God's glory. I will use my life to celebrate His presence, cultivate His character, participate in His family, demonstrate His Love, and communicate His Word.

Since my past has been forgiven and I have a purpose for living and a home awaiting in Heaven, I refuse to waste any more time or energy on shallow living, petty thinking, trivial talking, thoughtless doing, useless regretting, hurtful resenting, or faithless worrying. Instead, I will magnify God, grow to maturity, serve in ministry, and fulfill my mission in the membership of His family.

Because this life is preparation for the next, I will value worship over wealth; *we* over *me*; character over comfort; service over status; and people over possessions, position, and pleasures. I know what matters most, and I'll give it all I've got. I'll do the best I can with what I have for Jesus Christ today.

I won't be captivated by culture, manipulated by critics, motivated by praise, frustrated by problems, debilitated by temptation, or intimidated by the devil. I'll keep running my race with my eyes on the goal—not the sidelines or those running by me. When times get tough and I get tired, I won't back up, back off, back down, back out, or backslide. I'll just keep moving forward by God's grace. I'm Spirit-led, purpose-driven, and mission-focused, so I cannot be bought. I will not be compromised, and I shall not quit until I finish the race.

I'm a trophy of God's amazing grace, so I will be gracious to everyone, grateful for every day, and generous with everything God entrusts to me.

To my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I say, "However, whenever, wherever, and whatever you ask me to do, my answer in advance is *yes!* Wherever You lead and whatever the cost, I'm ready. Anytime. Anywhere. Any way. Whatever it takes, Lord. Whatever it takes! I want to be used by You in such a way that on that final day I'll hear You say, "Well done, thou good and faithful one. Come on in, and let the eternal party begin!"

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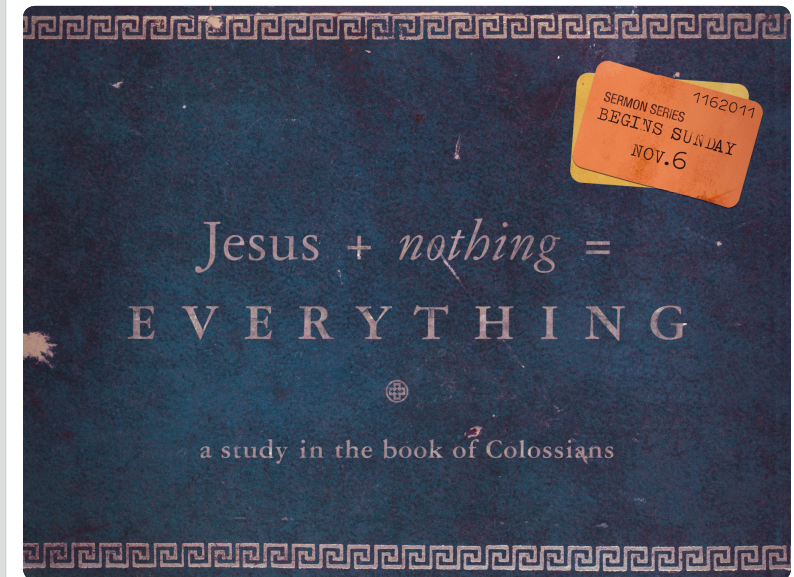
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SERMON SERIES: JESUS + NOTHING = EVERYTHING

TODAY'S SERMON: LIVING YOUR NEW LIFE, PART 2

SCRIPTURE: COLOSSIANS 3:12-17 (NKJV)



**WE WELCOME YOU TODAY!** If you are visiting with us for the first or second time, please take a moment to complete the *sign-in & visitor registration form*. Drop it off at our welcome center, and pick up a special gift as our way of saying 'thanks for visiting.' We hope to see you again!

The 9th & Main Café is open from 7:45–8:00 a.m. and following the morning services. Coffee is complimentary.

**REAL PEOPLE, REAL CONNECTIONS, AND A REAL JESUS!**  
Living Life Together in Quakertown!



Messages are available to download!  
Go to [mstarqtown.org](http://mstarqtown.org) and click on *media*.



## Today's Schedule of Events

### MORNING SERVICES

8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.

**The 9th & Main Café:** Open from 7:45 to 8:00 a.m. and following the morning services. Coffee is complimentary.

### BE KIDS CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

**Nursery:** The birth to 3-year nursery is open during all services.

**Older Children:** Church for children ages 3 to Kindergarten and first to fifth grade is available during the 9:30 and 11:30 services (out in the modular).

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### R.E.A.L. STUDENT MINISTRIES

**Student Ministries:** 6:00–8:30 p.m.

James Goodman  
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### UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today: Highlighting Honduras Missions Trip  
Jan 13: Guys' Texas Hold 'Em Night  
Jan 14: Honduras Missions Trip  
Jan 28: Morning Star Training School  
Feb 4: Men's Breakfast  
Feb 7: Bible studies begin  
Feb 18: Pinewood Derby Car Clinic  
Feb 25: Pinewood Derby

### GUYS' TEXAS HOLD 'EM NIGHT

Friday, January 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Guys, come out for a night of **non-gambling** Texas Hold 'Em. The cost to participate is a donation of canned food for the Quakertown Food Pantry. Bring a favorite snack to share.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

February 4 at 8:30 a.m.

Guys, join us for the biggest men's ministry event of the year. Our annual breakfast will be held at Benner Hall in Richlandtown. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and guests. Sign up online or at the Welcome Center. The theme for the morning and the companion study beginning later in the month is *The Will to Live*. Invite friends, family, and coworkers!

### HONDURAS HERE WE COME!

Please pray for our Honduras Ministry Mission's Team! 22 of us will be heading to San Pedro Sula, Honduras on January 14 to construct a church building and do some outreach in the neighboring areas. If you would like to give financially to support this trip, please designate Honduras/general gift or list a recipient on our offering envelopes. Thanks for remembering us in prayer!

### MORNING STAR TRAINING SCHOOL

Saturday, January 28 from 9 a.m. to noon

We offer Training School to get you up to speed on what Morning Star Fellowship is all about. *Class 101: Membership* is where you will learn about who we are, where we've been, and where we are going in the future. This class is available to those who desire to become members or just want to know more about Morning Star. *Class 201: Maturity*; *301: Spiritual Gifts*; and *Class 401: Mission* will also be held. Childcare is available. You can sign up today online at [mstarqtown.org/membership](http://mstarqtown.org/membership) or by checking the appropriate box on the back of your sign-in sheet.

### PREMARITAL COUNSELING

Join John and Theresa on Thursday nights beginning February 2 for a time of premarital counseling. We will be using the course, *Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts*. If you are getting married by a Morning Star pastor, this class is mandatory. Sign up online.

### PENCIL DRIVE

There are ten schools in Quakertown that need our help providing them with pencils, erasers, and pencil sharpeners. Help donate these supplies and meet a need in our community. We will be collecting these items in the café until February 5.

### COED BIBLE STUDY

begins Tuesday, February 7 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

What has God called you to do and uniquely equipped you for? Discover the spiritual gifts God has given you and understand those given to all believers to glorify Himself and strengthen His church. You are encouraged but not required to purchase the \$27 workbook. Payment plans and scholarships are available. Childcare is available. Leslie Serge will be leading this 12-week class. Please register by January 30 at the Welcome Center or online at [mstarqtown.org/biblestudy](http://mstarqtown.org/biblestudy).

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

begins Tuesday, February 7 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Led by Martha Styer, this course will study the life of David—a man after God's own heart. Watch David ascend to the throne then descend into sin. See how a covenant-keeping God turns a man from the worst sins to a victorious finish. This class includes a DVD lecture by Kay Arthur plus discussion time. Homework is included for each week in the workbook. An abbreviated study guide (requiring less homework) is available as an option. Cost is \$20 for the full workbook or \$10 for the abbreviated study guide. Please register by January 30 at the Welcome Center or online at [mstarqtown.org/biblestudy](http://mstarqtown.org/biblestudy).



### NEW CONNECT GROUPS

It's a new year, and it's time to get connected. New groups are forming this month, and it is important as we grow as a church for you to find your place in a Connect Group. For more information about Connect Groups, look us up online at [mstarqtown.org/connect\\_groups](http://mstarqtown.org/connect_groups). Below is a list of various groups that meet through the week at Morning Star.

#### MONDAY

**6:30 pm:** Prayer Ministry  
**7:00 pm:** Men's Bible study

#### TUESDAY

New Bible studies begin February 7.

#### WEDNESDAY

**7:00 pm:** Celebrate Recovery

#### THURSDAY

**10:00 am:** Morning Star Moms  
**10:00 am:** Men's Bible study

#### SATURDAY

**7:30 am:** Men's Bible study

### CHRISTIAN COUNSELING SERVICES

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### → BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement for the bulletin, e-mail it to Tony Serge at [tony@mstarqtown.org](mailto:tony@mstarqtown.org) by Wednesday at 4:30. We cannot guarantee the item will be inserted past this time.