

# THE LIVE WIRE

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PLUG INTO THE HIGHEST POWER

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I miss having a purpose. Those were the words my dear friend said to me the other day. She is a kindergarten teacher and has not taught since the beginning of March and will not get to teach in the foreseeable future. My heart ached for her and I knew she wasn't the only person who probably felt that way. I'm sure we are all experiencing a lack of purpose in different levels. As her best friend, I wanted to comfort her. I told her that her purpose isn't in moments but it is over the span of her whole life, and that she will impact so many people after this. Though I felt like that wasn't enough. All that night I wondered what the Bible said about our purpose. And so here we are in this article, with words that I hope comfort you with what God says about purpose. As I read the Bible, one thing stood out over and over

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again. There is man's idea of our purpose and then there is God's idea of our purpose. Proverbs 19:21 says, "Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails". Also Job 42:2 says, "I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted". We may be feeling a lack of purpose right now with the worldly pandemic, because it is preventing what we thought was our purpose. Unlike God's purpose ours can be prevented and not prevail. My most favorite Bible verse ever is Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future".

Recently, it has become so easy to forget that we are not forgotten—that God has a plan and a future and purpose for each of us. He wants us to feel the hope he gives freely. A prayer I have decided to start was inspired by Proverbs 20:5 "The purpose of a man's heart are deep waters, but one who has insight draws them out". I encourage you to pray with me that God gives us insight and hope so we may be brought out of the deep waters of our thinking to understand that God's purpose will prevail and will not be thwarted. That our purpose is not merely in what we do for work but that we are apart of God's purpose and that we remember that it is truth, hope and a promise that we never have to question.

- **Abbie Cornelius**

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