"Our Destiny in God"

Introduction: When Todd Bentley was here, he had a vision of 2 trains …

The word **Destiny** was mentioned a number of times during the 3 days.

So, what is our destiny?

A. As Christians, we have a 3 part destiny.

1) The first part of our destiny is to enter into the Kingdom of God.

a) 1 Timothy 2:3a-4 "… God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come into a knowledge of the truth."

- God desires you to be His child.
- You can always pray for salvation of an individual with the assurance that it is God's will and desire for all to be saved.
- We have a choice, we have free will. We can reject God's offer of salvation.
- But each of us has a calling to become a child of God.
- God placed in each of our hearts the desire to know Him – it is built in.
- If you haven't received Jesus as your Lord and Savior, don't leave today with making that choice. Talk to someone – ask them how.

2) The second part of our destiny is a call to ministry.

a) We have work to do!

Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

John 14:12 "I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father."

- We are not saved by our works, but we have a destiny to fulfill the works God has assigned to us.

b) We are the carriers of His Glory!

Genesis 1:27 "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."

Romans 8:29a "For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, …"

2 Co 3:18 "And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."

- We were created in the image of God. We were created to be like Jesus - to walk the way He walked and to do the works He did. We are meant to carry God's glory and to reveal God to all people. We are meant to do great works.

Repeat red remarks – Look at it this way, the more we fill ourselves with God, the more we fill ourselves up with His Word, the more we walk in His ways, the more we obey Him, the more time we spend in prayer and seeking Him, the more we become like Jesus, the more we "reflect" God's glory.

c) We are called to make disciples.

Matthew 28:18-20 "Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.' "

d) We are called to fed the hungry, clothe the naked, take care of widows and orphans, visit the sick and visit those in prison.

Matthew 15:31-46 – The Sheep and the Goats
James 1:27 widows and orphans

e) We are called to walk in the miraculous.

Mark 16:15-18 "He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.' "

Matthew 10:7-8 "As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give."

3) The third part of our destiny is eternal life and rewards.

1Co 15:51-52 "Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed - in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed."

Note: Read **Rev 20 & 21**

Gal 6:8 "The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life."

1 Tim 1:16 "But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life."

B. **Lessons from the Israelites**

1) Moses is recounting the history of their journeys. Read **Deut 1:26-46**

a) **Words to describe the Israelites** – unwilling, rebelled, grumbled, listened to brothers who made them lose heart, gave into fear, did not trust the Lord, arrogance and pride – they thought they could defeat their enemies in their own strength but instead they were defeated.

b) **Results for the Israelites** – The Lord was angry with them, they would not enter into the Promised Land, the Lord paid no attention to their pleading.

c) **Words to describe Caleb and Joshua** – Caleb followed the Lord wholeheartedly and he received the inheritance. Joshua, Moses' assistant, was able to enter into the Promised Land and received encouragement from the Lord and placed in a position of leadership.

d) **The children** who grew up in the miraculous provision of God entered into the Promised Land and took possession of it. They never knew the materialistic provision of Egypt, only the mighty provision of God.

C. Words of Wisdom about Destiny

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Fulfill your destiny!

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"For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son" Romans 8.29

It doesn't matter what others think about you. it doesn't even matter what you think of yourself. What really matters is what God think of you and how he sees you.

God thinks you are a blessing. He looks into your eyes and he sees his eyes. He loves you and he is proud of you. Someone may say: "how come? All I do is mess it all up over and over again." Nevertheless, God does not see you as men might, he sees you as his beloved son/daughter, the one he died on the cross for.

Not only that but, God is an omniscient God, so, he knows your whole life since before you were born until your last breath. He knows the potential you have to become a threat to the devil and a builder of his kingdom. He has provided all you need to accomplish his will. All the provision is in storage for you, all you've got to do is…

1 – Find out what the Father wants you to do;
2 – Do it.

Easy, hu? It is indeed. Yet many people live their lives, obliviously, not knowing the destiny and the power that the Father has determined for them.
Today is your day to fulfill your destiny. You are a son/daughter in the kingdom of heavan, you are a prince/princess in the Father's eyes.

My desire is to see you bring His kingdom down wherever you are. Today is your day, go on and fulfill your destiny in Christ Jesus.

Many blessings,
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Your Destiny

Your Destiny is not about dreaming up the biggest dream you can dream for God.
Your destiny comes as you discover what God has already shaped you to be and do.
You don't invent your destiny. You discover it!
Your destiny will be your unique and ultimate contribution to the plan of God.
It will be bigger than you think.
It will engage your passions.
It will intersect every area of your life.
It will rise up from God's values that He builds into your life.
It will be grounded on a Biblical foundation.
It will be integrated with God's ultimate purposes.

D. How do we find our destiny?

1) We need to seek God and to have a personal intimate relationship with Him.

2) We need to ask Him to reveal our destiny, then listen for an answer and pay attention to confirmations through the Word, those in authority over you and from other sources.

3) Then we need to obey.

E. A Few Thoughts

1) We have a choice to step up and into our calling and our destiny.

2) God has a specific time as well.

3) Your calling and works are yours - don't put your job off on someone else!

F. Share some experiences about coming into my destiny

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