

**ULC Sermon Study Resource**  
***Crisis to Renewal // Renewal of Purpose***  
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**Prayer:** Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

**Icebreaker:** What did you want to be as a kid when you grew up?

**Reading:** 2 Timothy 1:8-14

**Outline:**

- I. Called to a consecrated life
  - a. Before time began, God chose to save us and give us purpose through the gospel
  - b. We must actively seek and develop the gifts God's given us to love and serve others  
**Q: *Where does God say we can find the purpose He has given us?***
- II. Given a God Ordained Purpose
  - a. To find the purpose God's given us, we have to rest in the gospel to connect with who God is and clear what disconnects us from that, then look over our story to see how past events have shaped us to live a certain way, and then use both of those to help others
  - b. God's given us each special skills that we can use to glorify Him, but also weaknesses that allow other people to add in their skills to accomplish the task at hand  
**Q: *How does God guide us to use the purpose He set aside for us?***
- III. Guard what's been entrusted to you
  - a. Through the faith and love that Jesus showed, alongside the power of the Holy Spirit, we are able to live that purpose out
  - b. Whether discouragement comes from others or ourselves, we must rest in the gospel to regain sight of our state of being set aside for a holy purpose  
**Q: *What power does God give us to live out our purpose?***

**Reflection/Application Questions:**

- 1) In today's society, how can it be hard to tell others about Christ?
- 2) What kind of perspective does our suffering for God give us?
- 3) How can God use both good and bad events in our lives as a witness to who He is?
- 4) In what way does working together with our community help fulfill personal purpose?
- 5) How can we get in our own way of finding our purpose?

**Suggestions for further study:**

- Jeremiah 29:11      **Q: *How does trusting God's plan help reveal his purpose for us?***

**Closing Prayer:**

Lord God, we thank you that you did not create us and abandon us. That you did not create us to be aimless and pointless, but God you created us for a purpose. You created each one in a unique way that we might live into the holy calling you set on our lives. God, we know we've received that calling because we've received your salvation. We know you sent your Son Jesus into this world to go to the cross to bear our sin to rise again to new life, that we might know your love and the hope we have in him. In light of that God, may your spirit strengthen us to

discover our purpose in this world and to live into it fully. I pray this all in Jesus' holy name,  
Amen.