

ENCOUNTER #4: John 1:35-51 COME AND IMAGE BEAR (FOR THE KING)

It is the tendency of every older generation to disregard the potential of younger gen. value based on comparison approach (**work ethic, moral, ability, diff, we never**)

- **GOD SEE? SAME / UNIQUE – UNCHANGED PPOSE IMAGE BEARING - UNIFTIE**

Ps 145:4 One generation shall commend your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.

- Social conditions, gen qualities – **ABOUT WHAT GOD'S PURPOSE HE CAN DO PURPOSE? Read. Cultivate awe. Create a growth plan. Create a vision statement. Listen others Tony Robbins (self help guru) on discovering purpose: 1. Search inward 2. Put purpose before goals 3. Focus on what you have (EXACTLY WRONG) limiting – empty – circular – miss point**

MP: The real purpose and meaning God has for every generation is to love Jesus and live as His image bearer. Boomer/GenX/Millennial/GenZ/alpha generation

To image bear means radiate the King and His Kingdom thru your life as you encounter Jesus and engage in His Kingdom purpose.

4 DISCIPLES DISC PURPOSE EMBLEMATIC US 5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW
life confusing – raising children – help people

KNOW WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING – Andrew **WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING**

John Bap – Lamb God – follow him – HE ASKED – where ru staying? UH – OK good

WHAT R U SEEKING? Imp question ANSW – **it's not til someone poses it - wrestle**

What is ur life about? driving desire/passion? **Work, success, family, feelin loved, fun???**

- Foll Pattern cult/raised – **FEW STOP LONG ENUF WHAT MY LIFE ABOUT**

Eccl 1:14 I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and indeed, all *is* vanity and grasping for the wind. **WHAT WAS IT FOR? Aimless, rudderless, directionless DIDN'T SATISFY**

KNOW THE ONE WORTH DISCOVERING – Andrew **COME AND YOU SHALL SEE**

Not a manipulative tactic – not forced or obligated – **SEE FOR URSELF**

- Glean in His eye: **Let me tell you what you really need – YOU NEED ME**
- **INVITATION – CALLS TO COME spirit bride say come, let all thirsty come**

CHURCH/XIANS GET IN THE WAY – RADIATING JESUS DRAW PEOPLE TO HIM

Everything bound up 1 person. Relationships/profess/internal/dreams **(JESUS) orbit**
Real satisfaction and purpose is pursuing Jesus Christ. Everything comes together in him

KNOW THAT YOU ARE KNOWN - Nathaniel under the tree I SAW YOU

Philip: law and prophets jesus of Naz – SKEPTICAL (can anything -knew bible)

- An Israelite no guile – **HOW DO YOU KNOW ME? FIG TREE SOG/KOFISRAEL**
- Perfect knowledge U. **GOOD MATTERS – SUFFERING GENERATION**

National Survey of Children's Health, US experiencing a mental health crisis, rates of anxiety/depression at unprecedented levels. Rate of children visiting ER self-harm increased **329%** between the years 2007 and 2016. % youth major depressive episode (MDE) **doubled** between 2009 and 2019. Deaths by suicide among youth increased **over 30%** during a recent three-year period – **Look Outward its Fear – Inward depression – UPWARD TO FIND HOPE**

- **LOOKS U SEES BEAUTY/POTENTIAL – SIN - BEAUTY IN HIS CREATION -**

- I can work with that – PLEASURE OVER YOUR LIFE

NATHAN: If he knew under the terebinth tree he knew the snide remark NAZ

People try to hide their true self and bury their past but you can experience freedom when you come to Jesus just as you are.

Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. What better place to be than with the one who loves and accepts you.

KNOW THE NEW BEGINNING – Peter's new beginning YOU SHALL BE CALLED
You are Simon son of Jonah – YOU SHALL BE CALLED CEPHAS (rock) – NEW BEGIN

- Personality, Experience, Strengths, Weakness – REDEEMED SHAPED/PRUNED
 - **THROWING POT / PRUNING TREE – NOWHERE ELSE**
 - GOD CAN GIVE YOU new start, identity, outlook, power, JOY

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

KNOW YOUR GOD GIVEN PURPOSE – Philip FOLLOW ME

The invitation isn't to an org or rules for living – **not good advice or admire Jesus**

Jesus didn't say admire me, He said follow me.

FOLLOWER OF JESUS: dedicated your whole life to him in faith, love, purpose

- Where? To wherever He leads.. How? In whatever way He says Why? Bc love

ARROW POINTS BUT IT'S YOUR JOURNEY – YOU HAVE TO ENCOUNTER JC

**Christianity is not an old persons religion 12-30 years old / john
teens 13-16 years old**