

# Just One Moment

## Part 5: Stepping into Your purpose

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Today we will continue a series of messages that will motivate us as a church to act upon a church-wide, year-long challenge.

It will be a challenge for each of us to do our part to express God's love to the people that surround our lives.

**This challenge is based upon the premise that we have 1,440 minutes in every given day.**

Our opening text encourages us to remember something about the moment in which we are living.

We are living in a critical time and the day we will meet Jesus is closer than it was yesterday.

**So the question begs to be asked, "Are we choosing our moments wisely?"**

And even a bigger question that is posed by our opening text is:

"And would we be willing to give even Just One Moment away to someone else when our heart prompts us to do so?"

**Each of us have people that touch our lives that need the life improving love of God.**

We should be using moments each day to share God's love with others.

As we do this God will open the door for us to share our "Before and After" stories with others...

People spend their entire life looking for and trying to achieve purpose.

What they are really looking for is fulfillment.

What is the purpose of our existence?

- To be loved by God
- To share His love with others by sharing just a few moments each day with them.

Until we establish and consistently experience the primary purpose for our existence, we will always struggle with the motivation to fulfill the second

**Luke 8:38-39** // "The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him."

This man had no problem going home and giving some moments to others by sharing the message of God's love because he had first received the love.

**God created us this way.**

**He created us first to be loved by him.**

**1 John 4:7-12** // "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."

**Notice that we can only love others after we've allowed him to first love us.**

There are many that would say that we are created to bring glory to God.

**Colossians 1:16** // "For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him"

**God created everything**

**And he created it for himself.**

**God is love**

He created you to be loved by him.

**He created us to love us!**

In the acknowledgment of this truth, that we were created to be the object and recipient of God's love, we find even our self worth.

**We understand that we truly are a pearl of great price!**

**Matthew 13:45-46** // "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for

fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it."

**We must understand that God was willing to give all of creation away to be able to express his love to us.**

**Once a man stops striving to try to give glory to God, but instead opens his heart to receive love from God, he will become the natural, humble, grateful expression of God's love to others.**

**Psalms 116:12-13** // "So now, what can I ever give back to God to repay him for the blessings he's poured out on me? I will lift up his cup of salvation and praise him extravagantly for all that he's done for me."

**David said the only way he could repay God for all of his goodness was to simply tell others.**

Our purpose for existing is to be loved by God and to allow him to love others through us.

**Ephesians 3:7-8, 11** // “I have been made [I was created to be] a messenger of this wonderful news ... of the unfading, inexhaustible riches of Christ, which are beyond comprehension. This perfectly wise plan was destined from eternal ages and fulfilled completely in our Lord Jesus Christ ”

**Our purpose is to fully open our hearts to God to receive his love so that we become natural expressions of that very love we received to those around us.**

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