



Living On Purpose

“FINDING GOD IN DESERT SPACES”

“You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them”.

- MAYA ANGELOU

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Questions to Consider:

1. What spaces of your life do you continue to feel unseen or unheard?
2. How have you survived the desert spaces of your life?
3. How is God moving you into freedom and liberation?



Definitions

Living On Purpose- Living with divine intention, a divine plan, a thoughtful pursuit towards self-discovery, community and intimacy with God

Hermeneutic-is the theory and methodology of interpretation, especially the interpretation of biblical texts, wisdom literature, and philosophical texts

Theophany- a visible manifestation to humankind of God



Review

- We should not try to vindicate the characters of the text to quickly
- The Good news of Genesis is that God can renew and save no matter how the story unfolds.
- God is always trying to Initiate Blessing
- God is presented as being supreme and unlimited. This is a departure from the ancient Mediterranean religious culture.



Review Biblical Sources

The Yahwist (J)

The Elohist (E)

The Deuteronomist (D)

The Priestly (P)



Spiritual Lessons From Last Week

God will always make provision for us to no matter the circumstance

God is trying to make the invisible persons of society be made known

We should avoid making decisions out of the pain points and rejected spaces of our heart.

God wants to be in communion with you

You can master/overcome the broken spaces of your life



Biblical Characters of the text

What do you know and how do you feel about Abram/Abraham?

What do you know and how do you feel about Sarai/Sarah

What do you know and how do you feel about Hagar ?



Questions for our Hearts

1. Why does God send Hagar back?

2. What is spiritual freedom and is it difficult?

3. How do we move into liberation?

Spiritual Application

There is power in a Name (***Hagar, Ishmael, El Roi***)

God can open up our eyes to help us see the opportunity that is around us.

Survival, Liberation & Freedom all take work

God is working in the history of your life & in the history of our lives

God Sees, God Hears, God Does

