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Viewpoints

Observing events in our modern world from the viewpoint of our ascended Savior.

Purpose In Life ~ April 19, 2014

What if you knew that your purpose in life extends beyond the grave?

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In a recently posted [photo](#), you can see a man named Daniel receiving a hug of gratitude from a stranger. Why? Because Daniel had just gifted her—an unemployed woman—with a Wal-Mart gift card. But here's the amazing part: Daniel himself is unemployed.

While Daniel tries to find his way back into the job market, he's determined to have a purpose in life that's deeper than thinking only of himself.

If you do even a little digging into the news, you'll know that our nation is in trouble. One headline reads: "America Isn't Working: More than One in Six Men Between 25 and 54 Is Without a Job." Another news article reports: "Twice as Many College Grads in Minimum Wage Jobs as 5 Years Ago." No wonder there's a rumor persistently circulating through colleges and businesses that says that today's average worker will make a whopping seven (7) career changes in order to stay employed. The worst part is that our government's attempt to correct this rumor is this feeble comment: "no consensus has emerged on what constitutes a career change."

It's not a secret that people have struggled to find purpose in life even when career paths were plentiful. Certainly in today's ill job market, many more must be struggling to find purpose in life.

How different, Jesus! From his youth he knew why he was born into our world—he knew his "career" predestined for him. In fact, Jesus frequently told his disciples about his purpose in life. On the day we celebrate as Maundy Thursday, Jesus told his disciples for the umpteenth time: "As you know, the Passover is two days away—and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified" (Matthew 26:2). One of his disciples would later expound on Jesus' purpose in life: "He himself bore our sins in his body on the [cross]; by his wounds you have been healed" (2 Peter 2:24).

The God who reigns in the heavens was very proud of his one and only Son, and how he fulfilled his purpose in life. To celebrate, and to show his affirmation, the Father raised his eternal Son from the dead. Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Day. The Apostle Paul explains: "By his power God [the Father] raised the Lord from the dead..." (1 Corinthians 6:14).

And because Jesus fulfilled his purpose in life, he gifts us with much more than compassion and a Wal-Mart gift card, as nice as these gifts are. Jesus gifts us with purpose in life. Purpose that is an eternal purpose. Flawless purpose. Glorious purpose. Yes, even if you are unemployed, or partially employed, or unhappily employed.

In fact God's purpose for you is so big, and deep, and wide and high, it must be celebrated forever. Which is why the Apostle Paul concluded his resurrection statement with this addendum: "By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also" (1 Corinthians 6:14).

We invite you to celebrate Easter with us, and find out how Christ is Risen to Free Us. Yes, he's risen to free us in so many wonderful ways. He's even Risen to Free Us from uncertainty concerning our purpose in life.

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Blessings to you and your loved ones, Pastor Mike Nitz

