

JUST LIKE JESUS

PART 3

Just Like Jesus in Purpose

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“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.” *Luke 19:10*

How do I live out God’s purpose for my life?

1.

Now [Jesus] **had to go** through Samaria. So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar. . . Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water. . . *John 4:4–7a*

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. **I must stay** at your house today.” *Luke 19:1–5*

Therefore **go** and make disciples of all nations. . . *Matthew 28:19a*

2.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ lend to ‘sinners,’ expecting to be repaid in full. But **love** your enemies, **do good** to them, and **lend** to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. . . **Give, and it will be given to you.** A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” *Luke 6:32–35,38*

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” *Mark 10:45*



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3.

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that **he must go to Jerusalem** and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that **he must be killed** and on the third day **be raised to life**. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!” Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! **You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.**” *Matthew 16:21–23*

Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you — guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us. *2 Timothy 1:14*

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A Thirty-day Walk with the Savior

Our January study is based on Max Lucado's book *Just Like Jesus*. Daily devotional books based on this series are available in the lobby. To join a small group based on this series, please call 465-3300 or go to www.tlc.org.

Week 1: Just Like Jesus in Attitude

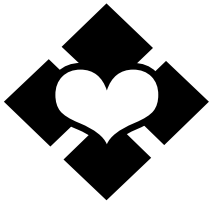
Week 2: Just Like Jesus in Habits

Week 3: Just Like Jesus in Purpose

Week 4: Just Like Jesus... Finishing Strong

The P.L.A.N.

This week make it a priority to spend time each day in the *Just Like Jesus* devotional. On Day 17, Max Lucado poses “four heart questions” that will help you evaluate your purpose — which he outlines as the **P.L.A.N.** (see pg. 79–85).



- Am I fitting into God's **P**lans?
- What are my **L**ongings?
- What are my **A**bilities?
- Am I serving God **N**ow?



Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”
John 8:12