

40 DAYS OF PURPOSE

I WAS CREATED TO BECOME LIKE CHRIST

1st Purpose: **Worship**

2nd Purpose: **Fellowship**

3rd Purpose: God's plan to make you like Christ

"From the very beginning, God decided that those who came to Him... should become like His Son." Romans 8:29

"We will in all things grow up like Christ." Ephesians 4:15

My 3rd Purpose is to

How does God help me grow spiritually? How does God make me like Christ?

1. God uses worship and Scripture: Truth transforms us
2. God uses people: Fellowship connects us

3 other unexpected things God uses to shape us into His likeness

1. God uses _____ to teach us to

"...we know that troubles produce patience. And patience produces character, and character produces hope." Rom 5:3-4 (NCV)

"They came to a garden called Gethsemane and Jesus said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.' ...Distress and anguish came over him, and he said, "The sorrow in my heart is so great that it almost crushes me." Mark 14:32-34 (NLT)

"Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will not mine." Mark 16:34 (NLT)

2. God uses _____ to teach us to

Note: It's important to remember you will never outgrow temptation.

"Get out of here Satan" Jesus told him. "The scriptures say, 'Worship only the Lord God. Obey only him.'" Matt. 4:10 (LB)

"If you love me, you will obey what I command." John 14:15

3. God uses _____ to teach us to

"People passing by shook their heads and hurled insults at Jesus...and the elders mocked Him...Even the robbers who were crucified with Him also heaped insults on Him." Matt 27:39-44

"Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, because they don't know what they are doing.'" Luke 23:34

"Forgive others, just as God forgave you because of Christ." Eph. 4:32 (CEV)

Note: If you are going to become like Christ, you have to learn to forgive.

"You meant to hurt me, but God turned your evil into good to save the lives of many people, which is now being done." Gen. 50:20(NCV)

For this week's daily meditations, read days 22-28 in the book *The Purpose Driven Life*.

This week's memory verse: *"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus" Philippians 2:5 (NIV)*