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YOU WERE CREATED FOR GREAT THINGS

You were created to accomplish great things. You were created to have impact in all areas of your life. Do you know this, or more importantly, do you believe this? The proof is found in your DNA. You are the only one on this Earth with your exact DNA. This makes you unique. A popular mobile drug and DNA testing business has an ad slogan that reads "Who's your Daddy?" painted in large letters on the side of their mobile lab trucks. Within weeks of their new business launch, they had more demand than one mobile truck could handle. People stood in long lines to take a test in hopes of solving mysteries about their past and present family connections. Why do you suppose this mobile start-up company did well and grew so quickly in popularity? Because people have a deep-seated need to know where they came from and to understand their true identity...their DNA. We all have a need to belong and to know we have purpose. We all want to know we matter in this world, don't we?

Recently, I had coffee with a man who, a few years back, was extremely influential in running the floor of the House of Representatives. As he communicated numerous stories and his interaction with some of the most influential leaders in the world I could tell there was an emptiness in this man's heart. During our conversation he shared how he had been adopted at birth. He spoke of his journey, once he reached adulthood, to find his birth mom. Even though he was powerful from the world's perspective he still encountered roadblocks as he searched for answers. He learned two different fires had destroyed his birth records at both the courthouse and hospital. Hearing the disappointment in his voice as he communicated his story, my encouragement to him is the same I give to everyone. You matter to God. He created you for purpose. Need proof? Here are five truths God gave us that prove we were created for purpose and we belong and matter to him.

1. "I saw you even before you were born. Every day of your life was recorded in my book. Every moment was laid out even before a single day had passed" (Psalm 139:16).
God was thinking about you even before you were thinking about him. This is how much you matter to him.
2. "I know the plans I have for you. They are plans for your good and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11).
God will never give you less; he will always give you best.
3. "And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession" (James 1:18). You belong to him, he treasures you above all his creation.
4. "I have called you by name; you are mine... You are precious to me. You are honored, and I love you." (Isaiah 43:1,4) Your identity is in Christ. He created your DNA and he loves you as his child.
5. "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:10). Ask God to show you his purpose for your life. When God's purpose collides with your actions, impact results.

My coffee friend was missing the truth that his Identity lies in Christ. He was twice chosen to be part of a special family; first, by a heavenly father and second by a physical family. As I shared these truths with him a smile spread across his face. He never learned the truth of his birth parents but is coming to understand the power of being chosen by his spiritual father. You too are a part of the family of God. What you do with your life and the legacy you leave are determined by choices and actions, so choose wisely.