

## OUTLINE 3

### **The Meaning of Life: A Gift From God** **Third Sunday: Life Is a Gift To Be Used to God's Glory** *"Why am I still here? Why won't God just let me go home?"*

**Sermon Text:** 1 Corinthians 10:31

#### **Sermon Theme & Parts:**

- Understand Your Purpose – the Glory of God
  - I. Let It Shine in Your View of Death
  - II. Let It Shine in Your Use of Life

**Introduction:** Define the “glory of God.” Realize that it is our purpose in life (1 Peter 2:9). Our text tells us how – in everything. So as we study our text today, let’ make sure that we...

#### **Understand Your Purpose – the Glory of God**

##### **I. Let It Shine in Your View of Death**

- a. How and when do you want to go
  - i. Young, old, quickly, slowly?
  - ii. Philippians 1:23 – reason to stay (but we don’t always get to make the choice...)
- b. Review of series
  - i. Defending life
  - ii. Respecting when God is taking it
  - iii. Rachel’s dilemma (see preaching notes)
  - iv. Mildred –
    - 1. Story – “the angel”
    - 2. Easy to think she’s suffered too long, yet God has a purpose.
- c. Do we give God glory in view of life?
  - i. Getting caught in trap of self-pity is not giving God glory
  - ii. Seeing others as a burden is not giving God glory
  - iii. God gets the glory in Christ (Specific Gospel)

**Transition:** So we need to remember what the glory of God is. Ultimately it is His love, His grace, His Son, the fullness of Him who fills everything in every way, who suffered, died and rose. So now, remembering our purpose, the glory of God. Let’s understand it and let it shine in how we use life, whatever the quality we may think it has right now.

##### **II. Let it Shine in Your Use of Life**

- a. If you are the one on hospital bed
  - i. Matthew 11:28-30
  - ii. 2 Corinthians 1
  - iii. Victim in Good Samaritan
  - iv. Funeral as an outreach event
- b. If it is loved one who’s nearing her end.
  - i. Galatians 6:2

ii. 2 Corinthians 1

Conclusion – text paraphrased to fit theme of Sunday (see sample sermon)