

**CONQUERING MEDIOCRITY  
BY  
DISCOVERING YOUR DESTINY**

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This sermon is a product of a conversation I had this week with a man, a man in this church His father was a pastor, and he's been serving the Lord for several years. He now feels God has called him to be a pastor. During our discussion about his future and the preparation that will be needed He sat in my office and looked at me and said, "I've really been a sorry Christian. I haven't read the Bible much nor did the spiritual things that God has called spiritual man to do."

That may be the plight of many people today. Some of his problem was that he did not Discover his Destiny until later in life. Some of the principles I will teach today will hopefully help you to discover your destiny.

With all the bible studies seminars electives and small groups we offer many people still attend only 9 or 11 am services and wonder why they cannot handle traumatic and challenging events in their life.

**John 10:10 (NIV)**

<sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

This verse is basic; it's simple, it's profound, it's true and it is relevant today. We see two spirits that operate in the atmosphere but they are diametrically opposites, and they both desire to influence your life.

One, for total and complete destruction, and the other for total abundant life in Christ.

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My wife Thursday morning at 2:04 am experienced a serious attack, (not the reaction to the insulin from a low blood sugar) but the satanic attack that followed. The voice that's speaks so clearly about her eminent death and the

ability to take her life when she falls back to sleep again never to see her grandchildren reach adult hood and remove their memory of her. She prayed the word of God and the attack diminish and she returned to sleep.

### **Matthew 14:27-29 (NIV)**

<sup>27</sup> But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” <sup>28</sup> “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” <sup>29</sup> “Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.

### **Matthew 20:16 (NIV)**

<sup>16</sup> “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

### **Isaiah 40:28-31 (NIV)**

<sup>28</sup> Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. <sup>29</sup> He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. <sup>30</sup> Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; <sup>31</sup> but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

### **Isaiah 40:21-27 (NIV)**

<sup>21</sup> Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded? <sup>22</sup> He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in. <sup>23</sup> He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing. <sup>24</sup> No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, than he blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff. <sup>25</sup> “To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing. <sup>27</sup> Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do

you say, Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God”?

**Hebrews 1:10-12 (NIV)**

<sup>10</sup> He also says, “In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. <sup>11</sup> They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. <sup>12</sup> You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end.”