

Finding Our Place

- Happy; Settled; Content; Confident; Comfortable; Satisfied; Peace; Ease; Delight; Elated; Merry; Pleasant; Thrilled; Blessed/ Pleased; Tranquil
- In order for these words to describe our life, we must find our place!
- Finding our place in:
 1. Being secure in Him
 2. Discerning what fulfills me
 3. Finding my place of expressing this fulfillment
- I. I am secure in Him!

John 10:27-29

27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

28 "And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

29 "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.

A. I can hear His voice!

1. We do not even have to be insecure in what we hear!

John 16:13 *"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come."*

2. You can KNOW.

I John 2:20 *“But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.”*

3. Be the Holy Spirit, I have the ability to know!

B. HE knows me!

1. “Ginosko” – to know absolutely!
2. He deals with us so perfectly, because He knows everything about us!
3. **Psalm 103:14** – He “knows our constitution”
“For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.”
4. His judgments are “true” because He has “ALL” the information!

C. Hearing from someone who has all knowledge, makes it easy for me to follow them! (the story of faith)

1. Follow means “to be in the same way with.”
2. This is what Paul refers to in **Phil. 3:10**.

“that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death”

3. The mature version of “being in the same way” is found in **II Cor. 3:18**.

“But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.”

D. Only ONE THING can separate me from Him...MY CHOICE!

Romans 8:31-39

“31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,

39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

II. Discovering what fulfills me!

A. God designed us with different desires and motivations!

Rom. 12:3-8

“3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function,

5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith;

7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching;

8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.”

1. What motivates you?
2. What do you like to do?
3. Is it something the Lord can use?

B. We all have “tendencies” and “ways of responding”.

Prov. 22:6 *“Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.”*

1. “Way he should go” is a phrase that describes tendencies, made of action, something that is customary.
2. The Hebrew literally says, “train up a boy on the mouth of his way.”
3. It is interpreted, “to blow into the corners of the room.”

4. In other words, “You have it all covered” when you live according to you design!
5. It is also interpreted as “bent.”

C. God loves diversity.

1 Cor. 12:14-18

“14 For in fact the body is not one member but many.

15 If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body?

16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body?

17 If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling?

18 But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased.”

III. Find your place to express this fulfillment!

A. Finding your place to express this fulfillment is THE POINT of life.

Acts 13:36 *"For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption;”*

1. The Church has been guilty of not providing platforms of expression.
2. Only 3% of society is actually in vocational ministry!
3. How does the 97% express their gifts and callings to the Lord!
4. We MUST place value on other callings and expressions of the “market place.”

5. Secular jobs are not merely for making money to support real ministry!
6. Where the world is, IS real ministry.

B. Most of the time your place of expression is formed by following the desires, gifts, and talents that are in you!

1. Let what is in you out!

Matt 12:35 *"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things."*

2. Learn to follow your heart!

Luke 12:34 *"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*