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The Long Way Home

I want to tell you something I don't say lightly.

I have failed. Spectacularly. Repeatedly. And for a long time, I couldn't understand why.

There was a dream inside me; I could feel it the way you feel hunger, the way you feel the sun on your skin. It was undeniable. I wanted more. Not more money, not more fame, more meaning.

I wanted to wake up and know, with certainty, that my life was counting for something. That I wasn't just taking up space on this earth.

So I chased it. I tried everything.

I went after education; finished my first degree with hope in my chest and fire in my eyes. I reached for a second degree, certain it would unlock the door I was looking for. It didn't happen. That door stayed shut.

I turned to business. Built plans, made moves, invested time and resources I could barely afford to lose. It collapsed.

I tried agriculture; patient, hopeful, willing to work with my hands. It failed.

I felt a stirring toward ministry, toward the church, toward something spiritual and larger than myself. I planted. I

organized crusades. I poured myself into it. And one by one, each effort crumbled in my hands like dry clay.

I would be lying if I said those seasons didn't hurt. They did. Deeply.

There were nights I sat with nothing but silence and one burning question echoing in my chest: Why am I here? What on earth was I actually born to do?

But here is the thing about me; and perhaps the thing about you too, since you picked up this guide: I never stopped. I couldn't. Something inside me refused to believe that a life without purpose was the whole story. Call it stubbornness. Call it faith. Call it the quiet, persistent voice of God that keeps whispering keep going even when every circumstance is screaming give up.

And eventually, not in a single dramatic moment, but slowly, the way dawn replaces darkness, I found my answer. Or rather, my answer found me.

I was born to help people live according to God's original blueprint for their lives. To help men and women strip away the noise, the expectations, the false starts, and the failures, and find the specific, irreplaceable reason they were placed on this earth.

Every failed business. Every rejected application. Every collapsed ministry. Every disappointment I carried; none of it

was wasted. It was all tuition. It was God's way of stripping away every path that wasn't mine, until the only one left was the right one.

And now I know: the long way home is still the way home.

I'm telling you all of this because I want you to understand something before we go any further. This guide was not written from a place of theory. It was not assembled from research alone or borrowed from someone else's revelation. It was wrung out of real life; my life, with all its mess, its detours, and its hard-won clarity.

And I believe, with everything in me, that if you are reading this right now, it is not by accident. You picked this up because something inside you is ready. Ready to stop drifting. Ready to stop performing a life that was never really yours. Ready to finally answer the question you've been carrying, perhaps for years:

What was I born for?

By the time you finish this guide, you will have the tools, the clarity, and the courage to begin answering that question; honestly, practically, and permanently.

Your purpose is not lost. It was never lost. It has simply been waiting for you to be ready to receive it.

Let's begin.

Born for this

THE BORN METHOD

Your Map for the Journey Ahead

Before we dive in, I want to hand you something important; a map.

Not a complicated one. Not the kind that overwhelms you with routes and detours and fine print. Just a simple, clear picture of where we are going and how we are going to get there together.

Think of your life's purpose as a house. Not just any house; your house. The one that was designed specifically for you, with your name written into the blueprint before you were even born. It exists. It has always existed.

The problem for most people isn't that the house isn't there; it's that nobody ever showed them how to build it.

Here's what I've learned: you can't just walk up to an empty plot of land and start hammering. There's an order to things. A process. And that process; the one that has guided my own journey and the journeys of countless others I've walked alongside, is what I call The BORN Method.

Four stages. Each one essential. Each one building on the last.

B — BECOME AWARE

Every great house begins with a survey of the land. Before an architect draws a single line, before a foundation is poured, someone has to study the ground; understand what's there, what's solid, what's unique about this particular plot.

This is what the Become Aware stage does for you. It surveys the land of your inner world: your strengths, your natural gifts, your recurring passions, the patterns that have followed you your whole life without you fully noticing.

You cannot build a purposeful life on ground you've never examined. This stage changes that.

O — ORIENT YOUR VALUES

Once the land is surveyed, the architect needs a compass; something that determines which direction the house faces, how the rooms are arranged, what the structure stands for. Without it, you end up with a building that looks fine from the outside but feels wrong to live in.

Your values are that compass. The Orient Your Values stage helps you identify what you truly stand for, not what you were told to stand for, not what looks good on paper, but the deep, non-negotiable convictions that make you you.

When your life is oriented around your real values, decisions become easier, and peace becomes possible.

R — RELEASE WHAT BLOCKS YOU

No builder gets far without clearing the land first. Rocks. Old roots. Debris from structures that were torn down before. If you try to build on uncleared ground, those hidden obstacles will crack your foundation from beneath; often when you least expect it.

This is the work of the Release stage. Because between you and your purpose stand some very real walls: fears you've carried for years, beliefs about yourself that were never true, wounds from past failures that quietly convinced you to stop trying. We are going to name them, face them, and clear them. Not because it is easy, but because no purposeful life was ever built on top of unresolved debris.

N — NAVIGATE WITH PURPOSE

The land is surveyed. The compass is set. The ground is cleared. Now, finally, we build. We pour the foundation, raise the walls, and create something that will last.

The Navigate With Purpose stage is where clarity becomes action. Where the things you've discovered about yourself in the previous stages get translated into real goals, real habits, and a real plan that moves you; step by deliberate step, toward the life you were made for.

These four stages are not a race. Move through them honestly, do the exercises, and write in the worksheets at the end of each stage. The more truthfully you engage with this process, the more powerfully it will work.

Your house is waiting. Let's build it.

B — BECOME AWARE

Step 1: Know Yourself Deeply

I knew from the time I was a child.

I couldn't explain it, couldn't prove it, couldn't point to it on a map, but I felt it. Deep in my chest, quiet but persistent, like a frequency only I could hear. A knowing that said: you were born for something great. It showed up in my dreams, in my thoughts, in the way I would lie awake at night contemplating things far bigger than my current circumstances.

The problem was, I couldn't figure out exactly what that something was.

So I did what most people do, I tried everything. I chased degrees, businesses, ministry, agriculture, one venture after another. Some yielded small victories. Most ended in failure. And through all of it, that knowing never left me. It just waited, patiently, like a light left on in an empty room.

What finally brought me back to myself wasn't a dramatic revelation. It wasn't a single book or a conference or a mentor pulling me aside. It was something quieter and far more consistent, my devotional life.

From an early age, I had made a decision to walk closely with God. To stay near Him even when life made no sense. And it was in that place, in the early mornings with an open Bible, in

the margins of personal development books, in the pages of leadership literature from authors around the world, that I began, slowly and surely, to see myself clearly. Not the version of me that had failed. Not the version performing for others' approval. The real version. The one God had in mind before I took my first breath.

I want to be honest with you: it did not come all at once. It took years. Years of learning and trying, of aspiring and perspiring, of failing and refiring. Years of refusing to settle, refusing to cave in, refusing to meander in the maze of mediocrity.

There was a diehard resolve inside me that simply would not allow me to accept a small, purposeless life and I fed that resolve every single day through devotion, prayer, fasting, reading, research, and mentorship.

And eventually, clarity came. Not like a thunderclap; more like a sunrise. Gradual, then suddenly undeniable.

I tell you all of this because I want you to understand something crucial before you begin this first step: knowing yourself is not a moment. It is a practice. It is the daily, deliberate act of turning inward and asking the questions most people are too busy, or too afraid to ask. It is the commitment to search for God's intent for your life with everything you have, for as long as it takes, and to never, never, settle for anything less than His best.

Here is what I have learned: when you become truly aware of what God has placed inside you, mediocrity loses its appeal entirely. You stop being impressed by shortcuts. You stop envying other people's paths. You stop asking "why hasn't it happened yet?" and start asking "what do I need to learn next?" Because you know, deep in your bones, that what God has in store for you is worth every year of the search.

That is what this stage is about. Not a personality quiz. Not a five-minute exercise. A genuine, honest, sometimes uncomfortable excavation of who you truly are: your strengths, your gifts, your God-given passions, and the patterns that have been pointing toward your purpose your entire life without you fully recognizing them.

The blueprint has always been there. It was written into you before you were born.

It's time to read it.

EXERCISE — Your Life Inventory

Find a quiet place. Open your journal. Take your time with each of these:

What have people consistently said you are naturally good at, even from childhood?

List at least five strengths, including ones you've dismissed as "not special enough."

Think of three moments in your life when you felt most alive, most yourself, most in your element.

What were you doing?

Who were you serving?

What was happening around you?

What recurring dreams, interests, or curiosities have followed you through life, even the ones you've never acted on or told anyone about?

Complete this sentence as honestly as you can: "Deep down, I have always felt that I was born to _____."

If fear, money, and other people's opinions were completely removed from the equation, what would you spend your life doing?

A Word Before You Move On

Don't rush these questions. Don't write what sounds good, write what is true.

The most dangerous thing you can do at this stage is perform, even for yourself.

And if the answers don't come immediately, that's perfectly fine. Sit with the questions. Pray over them. Sleep on them. Come back to them.

Awareness is not always instant, but it is always worth pursuing.

You have been searching for yourself for a long time. You're getting closer.

B — BECOME AWARE

Step 2: Identify Your Core Passions

Let me describe someone to you.

There is something you love. You have always loved it. Maybe it is teaching, the way your eyes light up when you explain something and watch understanding dawn on someone else's face. Maybe it is writing, or building things, or solving problems that make other people's heads spin.

Maybe it is caring for people, or creating, or leading, or speaking, or simply making order out of chaos.

Whatever it is, you know it. You've always known it. But somewhere along the line, you talked yourself out of it.

Maybe someone told you it wasn't practical. Maybe you watched someone else pursue something similar and struggle, and you quietly filed your passion away under "nice idea, not realistic."

Maybe life just got busy: bills, responsibilities, other people's needs and the thing that lit you up from the inside got buried under the weight of just getting by.

And so you did what most people do. You chased things that made sense on paper. Things that looked responsible, things that impressed people at family gatherings, things that paid, or at least promised to pay. And somewhere in the back of your mind, that buried passion kept sending you signals. A restlessness you couldn't shake. A hollow feeling even in your achievements. A quiet voice that kept whispering: this isn't it. This still isn't it.

That voice was not weakness. It was not ingratitude. It was not you being difficult or unrealistic. That voice was God, reminding you that He did not place something in you for it to be wasted.

Here is one of the most important truths in this entire guide, so I want you to read it slowly:

Your passion is not separate from your purpose. It is a signpost toward it.

God does not make mistakes. When He wired you to come alive around certain things, when He designed you to lose track of time doing a specific kind of work, to feel most yourself in a particular kind of environment, to care most deeply about a specific kind of problem, that was not random. That was intentional. That was architectural.

He built the passion into you because it points toward the assignment He has for you.

Think about it this way. A fish was built to swim. A bird was built to fly. You were built for something too, and your

passions are among the clearest clues to what that something is.

The tragedy is not in having a passion. The tragedy is in having one and spending your whole life ignoring it.

This step is your permission slip to stop ignoring it.

Now, I want to make an important distinction here, because passion alone is not enough, and I would be doing you a disservice if I told you otherwise.

Passion without direction is just energy. Passion without discipline is just enthusiasm. And passion disconnected from other people's needs is just self-indulgence.

The sweet spot; the place where passion becomes purpose, is found at the intersection of three things:

What you love doing. What you are naturally gifted at. What the world, or a specific group of people, genuinely needs.

When those three things overlap, you have found something worth building your life around. Not a hobby. Not a side interest. A calling.

Your job in this step is to start mapping that intersection. You may not complete the map today, and that is perfectly fine. But every honest answer you write brings you closer to the centre of it.

EXERCISE — The Passion Finder

Take your journal. Answer each of these slowly and truthfully:

What activities make you completely lose track of time?

What could you do for hours without checking the clock, without feeling drained, without needing to be pushed?

What topics do you find yourself reading about, watching, or talking about even when nobody asked you to?

What could you teach someone right now, not because you studied it formally, but because you simply love it enough to have absorbed it naturally?

When you see a specific kind of problem in the world: in your community, in your family, in society, which one genuinely breaks your heart or ignites something fierce inside you?

The kind that makes you think: somebody needs to do something about this.

Look back at your childhood. Before the world told you what was practical and what wasn't, what did you love?

What did you do freely, joyfully, without needing to be asked?

Complete this sentence:

"I feel most alive and most useful when I am _____."

Finding the Overlap

Now look across all your answers. Ask yourself these three questions:

Which of these passions also connects to a strength I identified in Step 1?

Which of these passions addresses a real need I see in the people around me?

Which of these passions, if I developed it fully, could I see myself pursuing for the rest of my life without regret?

The answer that sits at the centre of those three questions?
That is worth paying very close attention to.

A Word Before You Move On

I want to say something to the person who is reading this and thinking: "But I've tried following my passion before and it didn't work."

I hear you. I've been there too.

But here is the difference between where you were then and where you are now: then, you were chasing a feeling. Now, you are building a foundation.

Passion married to self-awareness, anchored in your values, and guided by God's hand, that is not a feeling. That is a force.

Don't give up on what God placed inside you simply because a previous attempt didn't pan out. The attempt was part of the training. The passion was always real. You were just not yet ready to carry it properly.

You are getting ready now.

O — ORIENT YOUR VALUES

Step 3: Clarify What You Stand For

The road to purpose is not a straight one.

I need you to know that before we go any further, because if nobody tells you, you will spend half your journey thinking something is wrong with you every time the path bends. It is not straight. It has never been straight for anyone who has ever truly found their purpose. It is full of curves and zigzags, steep climbs and sudden drops, seasons of breathtaking progress and seasons of bewildering stillness. And sometimes; more often than anyone likes to admit, it leads you deep into a valley that turns out to be the wrong valley entirely.

I know this valley. I have pitched my tent in several of them. There was a season I decided, with full conviction and considerable courage, that I was going to become one of the greatest agriculturalists in Africa. And I mean I decided. Not a casual interest, a full commitment. I made investments. I made plans. I got my hands dirty. I poured time, resources, and genuine effort into the soil, believing that this, finally, was it. This was the road.

But somewhere deep into that journey, a quiet unease began to settle in my chest. Not laziness. Not fear. Something more specific than that. A growing, undeniable sense that no matter how far I walked down this road, I was walking away from something rather than toward it.

The work was real. The effort was genuine. But it wasn't mine. It didn't align with the deepest part of who I was made to be.

So I pivoted Into food production: processing, packaging, building something tangible with my hands and my mind. I threw myself into it with everything I had, convinced that entrepreneurship was the vehicle my purpose had been waiting for.

For a while, the busyness of it felt like momentum. But busyness and purpose are not the same thing, and eventually the difference between them becomes impossible to ignore.

I tried a printing press, Sales, Marketing; I stepped into education, into coaching, into the business of developing other people's potential.

Each venture taught me something. Each one refined me. Each one stripped away another layer of who I was not, which, I would later understand, was exactly the point. But in those moments, standing in the rubble of another collapsed effort, it simply felt like failure.

What I did not yet have the language for, what I could feel but could not name, was this: I was living out of alignment with my values.

Not because I was doing bad things. Not because I lacked effort or intelligence or faith. But because I was making decisions based on what looked promising, what seemed practical, what impressed people, what appeared to be the next logical step, rather than what resonated with the deepest convictions of my soul.

And here is what I have come to understand after all those years of searching, trying, failing, and refiring: you can be busy your entire life and still be completely off course. You can fill your days with activity, your resume with achievements, your bank account with earnings and still feel that hollow, restless ache that says something is missing.

That ache is almost always a values problem. It is the sound of a life being lived out of alignment with what the person at the centre of it actually stands for.

So What Exactly Are Values?

Your values are not your goals. They are not your dreams or your ambitions or your five-year plan. They are something far more fundamental than any of those things.

Your values are the non-negotiable convictions that live at the very core of who you are, the things that, when honoured, make you feel whole, and when violated, make you feel like a stranger in your own life.

They are the invisible architecture of every decision you make, whether you are aware of them or not.

Think of them this way. Every building has a foundation; a structure buried beneath the surface that everything else is built upon. You never see it when you walk past the building. But remove it, and the whole thing collapses. Your values are that foundation. They determine the structural integrity of your life. And when you build on the wrong foundation, or worse, when you build without knowing what your foundation is, it is only a matter of time before cracks begin to appear.

After years of searching, failing, and finding my way, I can tell you with absolute certainty that the four values that form the bedrock of my life and my purpose are these:

Integrity — doing what is right, especially when it costs me something. Not performing righteousness for an audience, but being the same person in the dark that I am in the light. I have walked away from opportunities that would have compromised this, and I have never once regretted it.

Faith — trusting God's process above my own understanding. This one has saved my life more times than I can count. There were seasons where nothing made sense, where every door was closed and every effort seemed futile. Faith was the thing that kept me moving when logic said stop.

Excellence — refusing to do anything halfway. Not perfectionism, that is a trap. But a deep, genuine commitment to bringing the best of what I have to everything I do.

Mediocrity is not an option when you know you were made for more.

Service — living not for my own comfort or recognition, but for the genuine upliftment of other people. This one, I have come to realise, is woven into the very fabric of my purpose. Every time I have felt most alive, most useful, most myself; I have been in the act of serving someone else.

These four values are not aspirations for me. They are identity. They are who I am when nobody is watching. And every major decision I make today gets filtered through them, because I have learned the hard way what happens when it doesn't.

Now It Is Your Turn

Here is the question that changes everything: What do YOU actually stand for?

Not what you were raised to stand for. Not what your culture, your family, or your religion tells you to stand for, though those may well overlap. What do you, at the deepest level of your being, hold as non-negotiable?

What are the convictions you would defend even under pressure? The principles you would refuse to abandon even when abandoning them would make your life easier?

Those are your values. And until you name them, own them, and begin making decisions by them, you will keep finding

yourself deep in the wrong valley, working hard, moving fast, and still going nowhere that truly matters.

EXERCISE — The Values Compass

Take your journal and work through each of these carefully:

From this list, circle every value that resonates with you; don't overthink it, just respond honestly: Faith · Integrity · Excellence · Service · Family · Freedom · Courage · Creativity · Justice · Compassion · Discipline · Humility · Loyalty · Growth · Generosity · Authenticity · Wisdom · Impact · Community · Love

Now narrow your list to your top 7. Look at each one and ask: "Would I still hold onto this if it cost me something?" Keep only the ones where the answer is yes.

From those 7, identify your top 3, your absolute non-negotiables. The ones that, if violated, would make you feel like you had betrayed yourself.

For each of your top 3, write one honest sentence: "This value shows up in my life when I _____. " And then write one more: "I have violated this value when I _____."

Now look at a major decision you are currently facing, or one you have been avoiding. Run it through your top 3 values like a filter. What do they tell you?

A Word Before You Move On

I want to say something to the person who just completed that exercise and felt a little uncomfortable. Maybe you realised that the life you are currently living is not fully aligned with the values you just wrote down. Maybe you saw a gap between who you are on paper and who you are in practice.

That discomfort is not condemnation. It is clarity. And clarity, even when it stings, is always a gift.

You cannot fix what you cannot see. Now you can see it. The good news is this: it is never too late to reorient. The compass still works. It has always worked. You just have to be willing to follow it, even when it points you away from the familiar, even when it costs you something, even when the road it leads you down looks nothing like the one you planned.

That road is the one worth walking.

R — RELEASE WHAT BLOCKS YOU

Step 4: Visualize the Life You Were Made For

"Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it."

— Habakkuk 2:2

I did not find my vision at a conference.

I did not find it in a bestselling book, or at the end of a degree programme, or sitting across from a mentor in a coffee shop.

I did not find it by travelling somewhere new or reinventing myself or following the latest framework for personal success.

I found it where I had always found everything that truly mattered, in the place of prayer.

There I was, in the same quiet place I had returned to again and again through every failure, every pivot, every collapsed venture and disappointed hope. Buried, and I use that word deliberately; buried in my resolve to manifest the greatness I had always known was inside me. Buried in devotion. Buried in consecration. Not performing spirituality for anyone's benefit. Just me, and God, and the honest hunger of a person who had tried everything else and kept coming back to the only Source that never ran dry.

And it was there, in that stillness, in that sacred and unhurried place, that the vision came.

Not dramatically. Not with thunder and spectacle. But expressly. Clearly. Specifically. Like a photograph developing slowly in a darkroom until every detail is sharp and unmistakable.

I saw it. I felt it. And I knew, with a certainty I had never felt about anything else in all my years of searching, that this was it. This was the life I was made for. This was God's original blueprint for my existence, finally made plain.

And here is how I knew it was real, how I knew it was not just another idea or another enthusiasm that would fade with the morning: it stayed.

No doubt. No indecision. No confusion. No waking up the next week wondering if I had imagined it.

Through every subsequent challenge, through every test and opposition and difficult season that followed, the vision stayed. Unmoved. Unshaken. As clear and certain today as it was in the moment it arrived.

That is the mark of a God-given vision. It does not evaporate under pressure. It does not shrink when life gets hard. It does not require constant re-convincing. It simply stays, like a lighthouse that remains lit regardless of how violent the storm around it becomes.

What Vision Actually Is

Before we go further, I want to make sure we are talking about the same thing, because the word vision gets used so loosely that it has almost lost its weight.

A wish is what you want when things are comfortable.

A dream is what visits you when you are asleep.

A goal is what you plan when you are organised.

But a vision, a true, God-breathed vision, is something altogether different.

It is a clear, specific, compelling picture of a future that does not yet exist, placed inside you by the One who designed you, that is so real and so certain that it begins to feel less like something you are chasing and more like something you are simply walking toward.

The prophet Habakkuk understood this. When God told him to write the vision and make it plain, He was not speaking casually. He was establishing a principle that has held true across centuries and cultures: a vision that is not written is a vision that is not yet serious.

When you write it down, you are not just recording a thought. You are making a declaration. You are telling your mind, your

heart, your circumstances and the spiritual forces around you, that this is real, this is decided, and this is where you are going.

A written vision does something else too. It gives you something to return to when life gets loud. When doubt creeps in, when progress stalls, when people around you question your direction, you go back to what was made plain. You read it. You remember. And you keep running.

Vision and the Place of Prayer

I want to say something here that I believe with everything in me, and I say it not to be religious but to be truthful:

The clearest visions come in the quietest places.

We live in a world that is aggressively, relentlessly noisy:

Notifications, opinions, comparisons, demands, there is always something competing for the space inside your head.

And in all that noise, the still small voice of God, the one that carries your blueprint, your assignment, your specific and irreplaceable reason for being here, can barely be heard.

This is why the discipline of stillness is not optional for anyone serious about living on purpose. Not because God cannot speak in the middle of a busy life, He can and He does. But because we are often too distracted to hear Him when He does.

The vision for my life did not come while I was busy. It came while I was still. While I was consecrated — set apart, focused, available. And when it came, it came with a clarity and a peace that no amount of strategic planning had ever produced.

If you have been searching for your vision in all the obvious places, in career assessments and personality tests and other people's advice, and you still haven't found it, I want to gently suggest that you may simply need to get quieter. Pray more. Fast if you are led to. Sit with God and with yourself long enough for the noise to settle and the signal to come through.

Your vision is not hiding from you. It is simply waiting for you to be still enough to receive it.

Vision Must Be Specific

Here is where many people stumble. They have a general sense of direction:

"I want to help people" or "I want to make a difference", but they have never pressed past the general into the specific. And a general vision, however sincere, cannot direct your steps the way a specific one can.

"I want to help people" is a sentiment.

"I am called to help people discover and live according to God's original blueprint for their lives" is a vision.

Do you see the difference?

One is a feeling. The other is an address. One leaves you wandering. The other tells you exactly where to go, what to build, and who to serve.

When God told Habakkuk to make the vision plain, the word plain means clear, legible, unmistakable — written so specifically that "he who reads it may run." Not walk cautiously. Not tiptoe hesitantly. Run. With confidence. With direction. With the kind of momentum that only comes from knowing exactly where you are headed.

That is what a specific vision does for a person. It turns hesitation into momentum. It turns confusion into clarity. It turns a wandering life into a purposeful one.

EXERCISE — Write Your Vision, Make It Plain

Find the quietest place available to you. If you pray, pray first. Ask God to bring clarity to what He has already placed inside you.

Then open your journal and write:

Close your eyes and picture yourself five years from now, living fully in your purpose. The vision has been realised. You are doing exactly what you were made to do. Describe what you see in as much detail as possible — where are you, what are you doing, who are you serving, what impact are you having?

Now write your vision statement — one to three sentences that capture, as specifically as possible, what you believe you were placed on this earth to do.

Don't write what sounds impressive. Write what feels true. Ask yourself these three questions and write your honest answers:

Does this vision align with the values I identified in Step 3?

Does this vision connect to the passions I uncovered in Step 2?

Does this vision serve people beyond just myself?

Write down what has been stopping you from pursuing this vision fully. Name every obstacle, every fear, every reason you have given yourself for waiting. Write them all down, because in the next step, we are going to deal with every single one of them.

Finally, write this at the bottom of your vision page, and mean it: "This is where I am going. This is what I was made for. And I will not stop until I get there."

A Word Before You Move On

Your vision may not arrive the moment you close your eyes and pray. For some people it does, for others, it comes gradually, over days or weeks of intentional stillness and

seeking. Do not be discouraged if it does not come immediately.

What I can promise you is this: if you seek it sincerely, it will come. God did not place a purpose inside you and then hide the vision for it beyond your reach. He is not playing games with your destiny. He wants you to find it even more than you want to find it.

Keep praying. Keep seeking. Keep being still.
And when it comes, write it down. Make it plain. And run.

R — RELEASE WHAT BLOCKS YOU

Step 5: Dismantle Your Limiting Beliefs

I want to tell you about a prison I lived in for years. It had no physical walls. No locks, no chains, no visible bars. From the outside, nobody could see it. But from the inside, it was as real and as confining as any cell ever built. And the most painful thing about it was this; I had built it myself, brick by brick, belief by belief, without ever realising what I was doing.

The prison had a name. And its name was this: there is a curse on my bloodline. There is a delay on my destiny.

I believed it with everything in me. How could I not? The evidence seemed overwhelming. Failed business after failed business. Collapsed venture after collapsed venture. Every door I knocked on either stayed shut or opened briefly and then slammed in my face.

I watched people around me advance, establish themselves, find their footing, while I kept stumbling in the same place, wondering what invisible force was working against me.

And so I went looking for answers in the places many people go when life refuses to make sense.

I attended programme after programme. I sat before prophets and deliverance ministers, hungry for a word that would

finally explain the pattern of my struggle. I sowed seeds, sometimes seeds I could barely afford, believing that the right financial sacrifice would break whatever was holding me back.

I fasted, sometimes for extended, gruelling periods. I prayed with an intensity born not of peace but of desperation. I rebuked. I declared. I bound and I loosed. I did everything I had been taught to do to break a curse and end a delay. And yet, nothing fundamentally changed.

Because the problem was never a curse. The problem was never a delay.

The problem was a lie I had chosen to believe about myself.

The Most Dangerous Lies Are the Ones That Feel Like Discernment

Here is what made this particular lie so insidious: it came dressed in spiritual clothing. It used the language of faith. It positioned itself as insight rather than deception. And because it had a spiritual vocabulary, it was extraordinarily difficult to challenge, because challenging it felt, at the time, like challenging God Himself.

But God was not the author of that belief. Fear was. Confusion was. A misunderstanding of identity was.

The turning point came when I stopped running from a curse and started running toward a Christ; when I stopped defining myself by my bloodline and started defining myself by my new birth. When I finally understood, not just intellectually but in the marrow of my bones, what it means to be a new creation in Christ Jesus. That the old has gone. That the new has come.

That I am not the sum of my family's failures, my past mistakes, or the disappointments that littered my journey. That in Christ, I have a new name, a new nature, a new inheritance, and a new future.

That was the deliverance I had been searching for. Not from a curse that was never real, but from a lie that had been very, very real indeed.

And the moment that lie lost its power over me, everything began to shift.

You Have Believed Lies Too

I say that not as an accusation but as a certainty, because every human being who has ever lived has a collection of false beliefs about themselves that quietly govern their choices, limit their expectations, and keep them circling the same territory year after year without ever breaking through.

Some of these lies were handed to you in childhood, slipped into your mind by a parent, a teacher, a sibling, or a

circumstance before you were old enough to evaluate them. Some were born from genuine pain, from a failure so humiliating, a rejection so sharp, a loss so devastating, that your mind formed a protective conclusion: if I don't try, I can't fail again.

Some, like mine, came wrapped in religious language and felt more like revelation than deception. But a lie is a lie, regardless of how it is dressed.

And here is the truth that dismantles every single one of them: God does not make defective people. He does not create human beings with curses built into their destiny. He does not design people for greatness and then secretly rig their lives for failure. He does not call you to a purpose and then withhold the capacity to fulfil it. Every single thought that contradicts those truths, every belief that says you are too broken, too late, too cursed, too ordinary, too damaged, too far gone, is not from Him.

It is a lie. And it is time to dismantle it.

The Four Lies That Almost Stopped Me

Over the years of my journey, I battled not just one limiting belief but many. And in my work of helping others discover their purpose, I have found that most people battle some version of the same ones. So let me name them plainly, because a lie loses much of its power the moment it is called by its real name.

Lie #1: "It's too late. I've wasted too much time."

This lie loves to attack in the middle years, when you look around and feel like everyone else has already arrived somewhere while you are still figuring out your direction. It whispers that your best years are behind you, that the window has closed, that you should have started sooner and since you didn't, you might as well stop now.

The truth is that God's timing is not your timeline. Moses was eighty years old when his greatest assignment began. Abraham was seventy-five when God called him to leave everything and start again.

The fact that you have not yet arrived does not mean you are late, it means you are still on your way. And the lessons from every detour you have taken are not wasted. They are deposits. They are forming the depth of character that your assignment will require.

Lie #2: "I'm not talented or gifted enough."

This lie convinces you that purpose is reserved for the extraordinary, for the unusually brilliant, the naturally charismatic, the visibly talented. It makes you look at the gifts of others and conclude that what you carry is somehow insufficient.

The truth is that God does not call the equipped, He equips the called. Every gift you need for your assignment either already lives inside you or will be developed in you as you walk in obedience.

You were not given someone else's assignment. You were given yours, and you were made specifically for it.

Lie #3: "I've failed too many times for it to still work out."

Failure is perhaps the most effective teacher on earth, but it is also one of the most effective liars. It takes the evidence of past disappointments and projects them onto the future, convincing you that what has happened before is proof of what will always happen. That you are defined by your worst seasons rather than being refined by them.

The truth is that every failure you have survived has made you more qualified, not less. It has given you wisdom that cannot be bought, resilience that cannot be faked, and empathy that cannot be manufactured.

The people you are called to help do not need someone who has never struggled. They need someone who has struggled and made it through.

Lie #4: "People like me don't get to live that kind of life."

This lie is perhaps the most subtle of all. It does not attack your ability directly, it attacks your eligibility. It says that the life of purpose, meaning, and fulfilment is available to certain kinds of people, people with the right background, the right connections, the right education, the right family name; and that you, by virtue of where you come from or what you have been through, simply do not qualify.

The truth is that God is not impressed by pedigree. He has never been. He chose shepherds to be kings, fishermen to be apostles, and the most unlikely candidates in every generation to carry the most important assignments.

Your background is not a barrier to your purpose, it is part of the story that makes your purpose uniquely yours.

EXERCISE — The Belief Audit

This exercise requires radical honesty. Find a quiet place and open your journal:

Write down every lie, fear, or limiting belief you carry about yourself and your future.

Empty it all onto the page, every doubt, every accusation, every "I can't" and "I'm not" and "it's too late." Don't filter. Don't edit. Just write.

For each belief, ask this single question: "Is this what God says about me, or is this what fear, pain, or people have said about me?" Mark each one truthfully.

Now write the truth that dismantles each lie. Not positive thinking — truth.

Find it in scripture if you can. Write it clearly, specifically, and in the first person. (For example: "I am not cursed: I am a new creation in Christ. The old has gone. The new has come. — 2 Corinthians 5:17")

Choose your three most powerful truth statements. Write them on a separate page. Put that page somewhere you will see it every single morning, because the lies will not stop immediately, and you will need to answer them daily until the truth becomes louder.

Finally, write this as a declaration and mean every word of it: "I renounce every lie I have believed about myself. I am not defined by my past, my failures, my bloodline, or my fears. I am defined by my Creator — and He says I am called, equipped, and more than enough."

A Word Before You Move On

Dismantling limiting beliefs is not a one-time event. It is a practice, a daily, deliberate choice to answer the lies with the

truth until the truth becomes the dominant voice in your inner world.

Some beliefs will fall quickly. Others have been with you so long that they will require consistent, persistent confrontation before they finally lose their grip.

Be patient with yourself. Be ruthlessly honest. And whenever the old voices return, and they will; do not argue with them, do not panic, and do not give them the floor. Simply return to what is true.

You are not cursed. You are not delayed. You are not disqualified.

You are exactly who God says you are. And that is more than enough to fulfil everything He has called you to.

N — NAVIGATE WITH PURPOSE

Step 6: Set Purpose-Driven Goals

There is a moment that comes; if you have done the work of the previous steps honestly — when purpose stops being a concept and starts becoming a conviction. When it moves from something you are searching for to something you are standing in. And when that moment comes, the next question is no longer "what am I here for?"
It is "what do I do now?"

For me, the answer to that question came through a mentor. After years of searching, failing, praying, and finally receiving clarity on my purpose, I found myself at a new kind of crossroads. I knew what I was called to do: help people discover and live according to God's original blueprint for their lives. The vision was clear. The conviction was unshakeable. But the path from knowing to doing, from vision to execution, was not yet mapped.
And then God, in His characteristic faithfulness, placed someone in my path who had already walked the road I was about to walk.

He is the pastor of one of the leading and largest churches in Cape Town, South Africa, a man known across the world,

whose life and ministry I began to study with the hunger of a student who has finally found the right classroom.

What drew me to him was not just his success or his reach. It was something far more specific than that. He was my tribesman — spiritually speaking. We were wired the same way. Our hearts beat for the same things. Our assignments, though different in scope and expression, were cut from the same cloth.

He had simply gone further down the road I was beginning to walk.

And so I made a decision that changed everything: I began to pattern my life and ministry after his. Not to copy him, but to learn from him. To observe how a person of similar calling had translated vision into structure, passion into plan, purpose into impact.

I gleaned from him deeply and deliberately. I studied not just what he did but how he thought, how he prioritised, how he built, how he led.

And then I went to work.

It did not start big. It never does. It started with a handful of young men and women; people who were literally going astray, lost, confused, wandering without direction or identity. People who, in a different season of my life, I might have overlooked. But now I could see them clearly, because I had learned to see myself clearly first. I began working with them,

one conversation at a time, one session at a time, walking them back toward God's original blueprint for their lives.

The results were not immediate. Real transformation never is. But they came.

One young woman in particular stands out, and I share her story with her honour in mind. In the beginning, she used to run from me. Literally avoid my calls, sidestep my invitations for counselling, keep a careful distance from the very guidance she desperately needed. I did not chase her. I simply remained available, remained consistent, remained who I was called to be.

Eventually, she yielded.

And what happened next is the reason I do what I do. She submitted to the process, to the mentorship, to the honest conversations, to the sometimes uncomfortable work of self-discovery. And her life was, in her own words, transmorgified, transformed beyond what she had imagined possible. Today she is focused, purposeful, and fully alive in her calling — which, fittingly, is talking to people, public speaking, using her voice to move and inspire others.

She told my wife that she shudders to think what her life might have looked like had she kept running.

That young woman is my evidence. She and the others who have gone through the same process, are the living proof that purpose-driven goals, pursued faithfully and with the right

guidance, do not just change what a person does. They change who a person is.

What Makes a Goal Purpose-Driven

Not all goals are created equal.

There are goals born from comparison: goals you set because someone else has something you want.

There are goals born from pressure: goals that exist to satisfy other people's expectations of your life.

There are goals born from fear: goals designed not to build something but to escape something.

And then there are goals born from purpose, and these are a completely different animal altogether.

A purpose-driven goal is not just something you want to achieve. It is something you are compelled to build, because it is directly connected to the reason you exist. It aligns with your values. It serves people beyond yourself. It advances the vision God placed inside you. And it carries a quality of motivation that external goals simply cannot replicate, because it draws its fuel not from applause or reward but from something burning inside you that will not go out.

Here is how you know the difference: when you hit an obstacle on the way to an ordinary goal, you look for a way around it, or you quit. When you hit an obstacle on the way to

a purpose-driven goal, you look for a way through it. Because quitting is not really an option when what you are building is connected to who you were made to be.

Three Truths About Purpose-Driven Goals

Over years of personal experience and walking alongside others, I have come to hold three convictions about goal-setting that I want to pass on to you, because they will save you years of frustration if you take them seriously.

Truth #1: Your goal must be connected to your WHY, not just your what.

A goal without a why is a task. It can be completed, ticked off, and forgotten. But a goal anchored to a deep, genuine why — "I am building this because I am called to help people find their way back to God's design for their lives". That goal has staying power. It survives discouragement. It outlasts inconvenience. It gives you a reason to get back up when the process knocks you down.

Before you write a single goal, write the why behind it. The why is the engine. Everything else is just the vehicle.

Truth #2: A goal without a deadline is just a wish.

Clarity of purpose is not enough. Vision is not enough. Even passion, in its most fierce and genuine form, is not enough, if it is never tied to a timeline. The moment you attach a

specific, honest deadline to a goal, something shifts in your psychology. It stops being a beautiful idea floating in the future and becomes a real commitment demanding real action in the present. Be specific. Be honest about what is achievable. And then hold yourself to it with the same seriousness you would hold a promise made to someone you deeply respect.

Truth #3: Start small — one faithful step at a time.

This is the truth that pride most often resists and wisdom most consistently confirms. We want to begin at scale. We want the launch to be grand, the impact to be immediate, the results to be visible. But almost every great life of purpose began in obscurity, with small acts of faithfulness that nobody was watching.

My ministry did not begin in an auditorium. It began with a few young people who were lost. Your assignment may not begin where you imagined either. Begin anyway. Begin small. Begin now. Because the God who sees what is done in secret is also the God who rewards it openly in His time, and in ways that will exceed what you planned.

EXERCISE — The Purpose Goal Map

Open your journal and work through each of these deliberately:

Write your purpose statement at the top of the page, the one you developed in Step 4.

Keep it visible as you complete this exercise, because every goal you set should be able to trace a direct line back to it.

Write down 3 to 5 specific goals that, if achieved, would represent meaningful progress toward your purpose. For each one, write the why, not what it will give you, but what it will do for the people you are called to serve.

For each goal, write a honest, specific deadline. Not "someday" or "soon" — a real date. Month, year. Something you can be held accountable to.

Now break each goal down into its smallest possible first step. Not the whole staircase — just the first stair.

What is the one thing you could do this week, however small, that would move you one step closer to this goal?

Ask yourself honestly: "Do I have a mentor, someone who has gone further down this road than I have, whose life and example I can learn from?"

If yes, write their name and one thing you will learn from them this month. If no, write the name of someone you believe could serve that role and commit to reaching out to them.

A Word Before You Move On

Finding a mentor was one of the most catalytic decisions of my life, and I say that without hesitation. There is a reason Proverbs 11:14 says that in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.

You were not designed to figure this out alone. God has placed people ahead of you on the road, people whose experience, wisdom, and example can save you years of unnecessary struggle.

Seek them out. Study them. Glean from them. Be humble enough to be taught and disciplined enough to apply what you learn. And as you grow, as your own purpose begins to bear fruit, become that person for someone else. Because the most powerful confirmation that you are living on purpose is not personal success. It is the transformation you see in the lives of the people you are called to serve.

That young woman who used to run from counsel and now stands confidently in her calling — she is your reminder.

Purpose, faithfully pursued, changes lives. Starting with yours.

N — NAVIGATE WITH PURPOSE

Step 7: Take Consistent, Committed Action

Let me tell you about the day the government came and tore down everything I had built.

We had been constructing our first church auditorium, a dream made physical, a vision taking shape in concrete and steel. Millions of Naira had gone into that building. Not borrowed millions. Not donated millions. Money from my own pocket, earned and saved and poured into something I believed in with every fibre of my being. Every payment was a sacrifice. Every stage of construction was a declaration: I believe in this. I am committed to this. I am going all in. And then, without warning, the government came. They demolished it. All of it. Every wall we had raised. Every beam we had laid. Every naira we had spent — gone. Just like that. Reduced to rubble in the time it takes to tell the story.

I want to be honest with you about what that felt like. It felt like the ground had been pulled from beneath my feet. It felt like a cruel joke — like the universe had watched me sacrifice and strain and build in faith, and had responded with destruction. There was grief in it. There was shock. There was a moment, I will not pretend there wasn't, where the weight of it was almost unbearable.

But here is what I did not do: I did not stop.

I did not sit in the rubble and make it my home. I did not use the loss as evidence that I had been wrong about my calling or foolish in my faith. I did not let the demolition of a building become the demolition of a vision.

Instead, almost immediately, before the dust had fully settled, I set out to find another place.

And not too long after, we started again. A brand new auditorium, in a new location, built from the ground up with the same conviction and the same commitment that had driven the first one.

Then came the sound equipment. The musical instruments. The lighting. Each one costing millions. Each one requiring me to go back to my account, sometimes to empty it and choose purpose over comfort, calling over convenience, the long game over the quick reward.

I will tell you something else. As a young man, owning a luxury car is not just a want — it is almost a cultural rite of passage. It is how the world around you measures whether you have arrived. And I could have had one. On more than one occasion, I had the means. But I chose, deliberately and repeatedly, to delay that gratification. To redirect what could have been personal comfort into something that would outlast me. To invest in the vision rather than the appearance of success.

I do not say this to impress you. I say it because I want you to understand something about the nature of purposeful action that nobody tells you when you are starting out: it will cost you something real. Not just effort. Not just time. Real sacrifice. Real delayed gratification. Real moments where you have to look at what you want right now and choose what you are called to build instead.

And I also want you to know this: I have not regretted a single naira. Not one. Because I have seen what those investments produced, not just in buildings and equipment, but in people. In lives redirected. In destinies recovered. In young men and women who found their way because someone was willing to pay the price to create a place for them to do so.

The cars will come. I trust that with time, I will drive the best. But they will come in their season, after the foundation has been laid, after the work has been done, after the purpose has been faithfully pursued. And when they do, they will be sweeter for the waiting.

That is what consistent, committed action looks like in real life. It is not glamorous. It is not always celebrated. But it is the only thing that turns a vision into a reality and a calling into a legacy.

Why Action Is Where Purpose Lives or Dies

You can have the most profound self-awareness in the world. You can have crystal clear values, an unshakeable vision, a dismantled set of limiting beliefs, and a beautifully written set of purpose-driven goals. And none of it — not a single piece of it — will change your life by one millimetre if it is never followed by action.

Purpose is not a feeling you carry. It is a life you build. And you build it the only way anything has ever been built, one deliberate, faithful, sometimes costly action at a time.

This is the step where many people stall. Not because they lack clarity. Not because they lack passion. But because action is where purpose stops being safe. As long as your calling lives in your journal and your prayers, it cannot fail. It cannot be criticised. It cannot be demolished. The moment you act on it, you have made yourself vulnerable — to opposition, to setbacks, to the kind of very public, very real failure that shakes your confidence and tests your resolve.

But here is the truth that I have staked my life on: a purpose that is never acted upon is a purpose that is never fulfilled.

God does not honour intention alone. He honours obedience. He rewards faithfulness. He multiplies what is put into the ground — but it must first be put into the ground.

The seed must leave your hand before it can become a harvest.

Three Pillars of Purposeful Action

Pillar #1: Consistency Beats Intensity

We live in a culture that celebrates the dramatic gesture: the grand launch, the overnight breakthrough, the sudden transformation. And while God is certainly capable of dramatic interventions, the architecture of most purposeful lives is built not on occasional explosions of effort but on quiet, consistent, daily faithfulness.

Showing up every day — even when the results are invisible, even when the progress feels negligible, even when nobody is watching and nobody is applauding, that is the work. That is what separates the people who eventually break through from the people who eventually give up.

A small action taken every day for a year will always outperform a massive action taken once. Consistency is not spectacular. But it is the most powerful force in the arsenal of anyone building a life of purpose.

Write your daily habits. Protect them. Guard them like the non-negotiable appointments they are. Because they are not just habits, they are the bricks of the life you are building, laid one by one, day after day, until something extraordinary stands where there was once only potential.

Pillar #2: Obedience Is the Currency of Purpose

This is the pillar that changes everything for the person of faith.

You see, purpose in the Kingdom of God is not just a personal development project. It is a divine assignment and divine assignments operate on a different economy entirely. In this economy, the currency is not talent, not connection, not education, not even hard work in its ordinary sense. The currency is obedience.

When God shows you a step, take it. When He opens a door, walk through it. When He prompts you to act, to speak, to give, to build, to reach out, to start, do it. Even when it does not make complete sense. Even when the timing feels wrong. Even when the cost feels high. Because every act of obedience is a deposit in an account that God administers and His returns are unlike anything the world's economy can offer.

I emptied my account to build an auditorium. The government demolished it. I emptied it again to build another one. Every human calculation said this was foolish. But obedience is not always logical, it is faithful. And faithfulness, in God's economy, is never wasted.

Pillar #3: Accountability Is Non-Negotiable

Nobody builds anything great entirely alone. And nobody sustains purposeful action over the long haul without people

around them who take their calling seriously — sometimes more seriously than they do on their difficult days.

Accountability is not about having someone check up on you like a supervisor. It is about choosing to be known, truly known, by people who understand where you are going and are committed to helping you get there. People who will celebrate your progress without flattering you. People who will challenge your excuses without shaming you. People who will remind you of your vision on the days when you cannot see it clearly yourself.

Find these people. If you already have a mentor, as I encourage you to in Step 6, let them into the reality of your journey, not just its highlights.

Join a community of people with similar callings. Build relationships with others who are also committed to living on purpose. Because isolation is one of the most effective weapons the enemy uses against people who are serious about their assignment and community is one of the most effective weapons God gives us in return.

EXERCISE — Your Action Plan

This is where we turn everything in this guide into movement.

Open your journal one final time:

Looking at the goals you set in Step 6, identify the single most important action you could take this week, not this month, not this year, this week.

Write it down. Give it a specific day and time. Treat it like the most important appointment in your calendar. Because it is.

Write out your non-negotiable daily habits, the 2 or 3 things you will do every single day that keep you moving toward your purpose. Keep them simple enough to be sustainable and specific enough to be measurable.

Write the name of one person you will ask to hold you accountable to your purpose and your goals. Not someone who will simply encourage you, someone who will honestly and lovingly challenge you when you drift. Reach out to them before the end of this week.

Write your answer to this question: "What is the one comfort, convenience, or distraction I am willing to delay or sacrifice in this season in order to invest fully in my purpose?" Name it specifically. Delayed gratification is not punishment, it is wisdom. It is choosing the harvest over the seed.

Finally, write this declaration and date it. Come back to it every time the journey gets hard:

"I commit, from this day forward, to take consistent, faithful action toward the purpose God placed in me. I will not wait until conditions are perfect. I will not wait until I feel ready. I will not wait until it is convenient. I will start today, I will keep going tomorrow, and I will not stop until what God envisioned for my life is fully expressed in the world."

A Word to Close This Stage

The demolished building did not stop me. The emptied accounts did not stop me. The delayed gratification did not embitter me. And do you want to know why?

Because I had something that made every sacrifice not just bearable but worthwhile. I had a why that was bigger than my comfort, a vision that was clearer than my circumstances, and a God who had never once failed to show up when I showed up in obedience.

That is what purpose does for a person. It reframes everything. The losses become lessons. The setbacks become setups. The sacrifices become seeds. And the life that once felt stuck, confused, and hollow becomes something you would not trade for anything, because it is finally, unmistakably, yours.

You have done the work. You have walked through every stage of the BORN Method. You know yourself more deeply than you did when you opened this guide. You know what you

stand for. You have faced your lies and replaced them with truth. You have written your vision and set your goals.

Now there is only one thing left to do.

Act. Consistently. Obediently. Accountably. And without apology.

Your purpose is waiting. And it has been patient long enough.

BONUS SECTION

Tools to Keep You on Track

Congratulations.

You have done something that most people never do; you have gone all the way through. You have looked inward honestly, faced your fears courageously, written your vision plainly, and committed to action deliberately. That is not a small thing. That is the beginning of a life that will never look the same again.

But here is something I have learned from years of walking alongside people on this journey: the work does not end when the guide does. Purpose is not a destination you arrive at once and then coast from. It is a daily practice; a daily returning to what matters, a daily choosing of alignment over convenience, a daily answering of the question: am I still on course?

These three tools are designed to help you stay on course, not just this week, not just this month, but for the long, beautiful, challenging, rewarding journey ahead.

Use them consistently. They are simple by design. Because the tools that actually change lives are not the complicated ones; they are the ones you will actually use.

TOOL #1

Monthly Check-In Questions

Set aside twenty to thirty minutes at the end of every month — just you, your journal, and these questions. No phone. No distractions. Just honest reflection.

This monthly ritual will do something remarkable over time: it will show you how far you have come. And on the days when progress feels invisible, that evidence will be exactly what you need to keep going.

Ask yourself these questions every month:

Looking back at this month — where did I feel most aligned with my purpose?

What was I doing, and what did it produce in me?

Where did I drift? Were there moments this month where I made choices that pulled me away from my values or my vision? What caused the drift, and what will I do differently?

What was my biggest win this month — however small it may seem? What did it teach me about myself and my calling?

What fear did I face this month? What fear did I avoid? What will I do about the one I avoided?

Am I moving closer to or further from the vision I wrote in Step 4? What is the evidence either way?

Who did I serve this month? Whose life is slightly better because I showed up in my purpose? If I cannot name anyone, what needs to change next month?

What is the one thing, if I do nothing else next month, that would represent the most meaningful progress toward my purpose?

Write your answers. Date them. Keep them all in the same journal so that six months from now, twelve months from now, you can look back and read the story of a person becoming who they were always meant to be. That story is worth keeping.

TOOL #2

Daily Journal Prompts

These prompts are designed for the mornings — ideally before the noise of the day begins. Five to ten minutes with one of these questions and an open journal is enough to set the tone for an entire day lived with intention.

You do not need to use all of them every day. Pick one. Sit with it. Write whatever comes, without editing, without performing, without worrying about how it sounds.

The goal is not beautiful writing. The goal is honest thinking.

Your Daily Prompts:

Today, I am grateful for these three specific things, and here is why each one matters to my journey:

One thing I can do today, however small, that directly advances my purpose is:

I am currently avoiding _____ because I am afraid of _____. Today, I choose to:

If I were living fully on purpose today, completely aligned, completely committed, completely free of fear, what would I do that I am currently not doing?

The person I am becoming looks like this:

What is God saying to me today? What is He showing me that I need to act on?

Where am I tempted to settle for less than God's best today and what is my answer to that temptation?

Who in my life needs what I carry? Who is waiting, knowingly or unknowingly, for me to show up in my purpose today?

What did yesterday teach me? What am I carrying forward from it, and what am I leaving behind?

I will define today as successful if, by the end of it, I have:

You do not need a fancy journal. You do not need a specific time of day, though mornings tend to work best for most people. You just need five minutes, a pen, and the willingness to be honest with yourself.

That willingness, practiced daily, will change you in ways that nothing else can.

TOOL #3

Your Personal Purpose Declaration

Words have power.

This is not motivational language, it is a biblical, proven, deeply practical truth. What you consistently speak over yourself shapes what you consistently believe about yourself. And what you believe about yourself determines what you attempt, what you pursue, and ultimately what you build. For years, many of us spoke the wrong things over ourselves — words of doubt, words of limitation, words borrowed from our failures and our fears. This declaration is your daily opportunity to replace those words with truth. To speak over yourself what God says about you, what your purpose demands of you, and what your future requires you to become.

Read it aloud. Every morning if you can. With conviction, not as a performance but as a decision. Let it become so familiar that it rises in you automatically on the days when everything else is trying to speak you down.

Born For This — My Personal Declaration

I am not here by accident.

I was created with intention, designed with purpose, and placed on this earth for a reason that is specific, significant, and irreplaceable.

I am not defined by my past failures, my family's limitations, my previous mistakes, or the opinions of people who could not see what God placed inside me.

I am defined by my Creator — and He says I am called, equipped, and more than enough.

I choose today to walk in alignment with my values — with integrity, with faith, with excellence, and with a heart of service.

I will not compromise what I stand for in exchange for what is convenient.

I hold my vision clearly before me.

It was given to me by God, it has been made plain, and I will run with it.

No opposition, no setback, no demolished wall, and no emptied account will cause me to abandon what I was born to build.

I commit to consistent action, not when conditions are perfect, not when I feel completely ready, not when everyone around me understands, but now, today, with what I have, where I am.

I will not cave in to mediocrity.

I will not meander in the maze of the ordinary.

I will not settle for a life that is less than God's original blueprint for my existence.

I am mentored, I am accountable, I am growing.

I am patient with the process and relentless in the pursuit.

I delay gratification without bitterness, I make sacrifice without resentment, I plant in faith without doubting the harvest.

I was made for this.

I was born for this.

And I will not stop until everything God envisioned for my life is fully, beautifully, and completely expressed in the world.

This is my declaration. This is my commitment. This is my life.

Keep this declaration somewhere visible. On your bedroom wall. On the lock screen of your phone. On the first page of your journal.

Anywhere that your eyes will fall on it before the world gets a chance to speak something smaller over you.

Say it like you mean it. Because you do.

And because every single word of it is true.

THE CLOSING LETTER

To Everyone Who Made It This Far

I want to stop for a moment before I say anything else.

I want to acknowledge something that I do not take lightly:
you finished.

In a world of endless distractions, competing demands, and the very human tendency to start things and never complete them — you went all the way through. You did the exercises. You sat with the uncomfortable questions. You wrote the things that were difficult to write and faced the things that were difficult to face.

That is not nothing. That is everything.

Because finishing this guide tells me something important about you. It tells me that the hunger inside you, that deep, persistent ache for a life that means something, for a reason to get up that goes beyond routine and obligation, is real. And it is strong. And it has been strong enough to carry you through every page of this journey.

I wrote this guide because I know what it feels like to carry that hunger and not know what to do with it. I know what it feels like to try everything, fail repeatedly, pour your resources into visions that collapse, and still, somehow, stubbornly, faithfully refuse to give up.

I know what it feels like to sit in the rubble of a demolished building, literal and metaphorical, and have to choose between staying down and getting back up.

I also know what it feels like when the clarity finally comes. When the vision arrives in the place of prayer and stays — unmoved, unshaken, undeniable. When you look at your life and for the first time, everything makes sense. Not just the successes, but the failures too. Not just the open doors, but the closed ones. Not just the seasons of harvest, but the long, gruelling seasons of planting in what felt like barren ground.

Everything makes sense when you find your purpose. Every detour reveals itself as preparation. Every failure reveals itself as formation. Every loss reveals itself as the tuition God used to make you ready for the assignment only you can carry. You are ready. Not perfect — ready.

There is a significant difference. Perfect people do not exist. Ready people do. And readiness is not the absence of fear or uncertainty or unanswered questions. Readiness is the decision to move forward in spite of all of those things — because the purpose inside you is louder than the fear around you.

So I am releasing you. Into your purpose. Into your calling. Into the life that has been waiting for you: patiently, faithfully, with the certainty of a God who does not plant seeds He does not intend to harvest.

My Blessing Over You

I speak over you today the blessing of clarity — that the vision God has placed inside you will grow sharper with every step you take toward it, and dimmer with every excuse you give for staying still.

I speak over you the blessing of courage; the kind that does not wait until fear disappears before it acts, but the kind that looks fear directly in the face and moves forward anyway, because purpose is a more powerful force than any obstacle that stands between you and its fulfillment.

I speak over you the blessing of resilience, the diehard spirit that refuses to cave in, refuses to settle, refuses to meander in the maze of mediocrity. The spirit that looks at a demolished building and sees not an ending but a redirection. The spirit that empties its account in obedience and trusts that the God who called them is also the God who provides.

I speak over you the blessing of fruitfulness, that the people you are called to serve will find you, that the lives you are meant to touch will be touched, and that the transformation you carry in your hands will flow freely and powerfully into everyone God sends across your path.

I speak over you the blessing of completion, that you will not be one of the many who start this journey and drift back into

the familiar. That you will be one of the few who see it through. That one day, looking back from a place of deep fulfilment and genuine impact, you will say with everything in you: I was born for this. And I lived like I knew it.

My Challenge to You

Now let me speak to you plainly, as someone who has walked this road and loves you enough to tell you the truth.

The greatest threat to your purpose is not your past. It is not your failures, your background, your limited resources, or the people who do not believe in you. The greatest threat to your purpose is the comfort of this moment, the ease of having read something powerful and feeling inspired, without ever translating that inspiration into the irreversible decision to act.

Inspiration without action is just emotion. And emotion, however genuine, fades with the morning.

So here is my challenge to you: do not put this guide down and return to your ordinary life unchanged. Do not let these pages become another good thing you encountered and never applied. Do not let the person you were when you opened this guide be the same person who closes it.

Make a decision today. Not tomorrow. Not when things calm down. Not when you feel more ready or more confident or more certain.

Today. Decide that from this moment forward, you will live differently. That you will take your purpose seriously. That you will honour the vision God gave you with consistent, obedient, accountable action. That you will delay gratification without bitterness, make sacrifice without resentment, and plant in faith without doubting the harvest.

Decide that you were born for this and then live like you believe it.

This Is Just the Beginning

Before I pray over you, I want you to know something important.

This guide is not the whole journey. It is the beginning of one. The BORN Method has given you a foundation — but a foundation is only as valuable as what is built upon it. And building takes time, guidance, community, and the kind of consistent, personalised support that a guide alone cannot provide.

I am here for that.

If you are ready to go deeper, to move beyond the pages of this guide and into the kind of intentional, hands-on journey toward your God-given purpose that produces lasting, life-altering transformation, I want to walk that road with you. Through coaching, through counselling, through the

community of people I have built around this very mission of helping men and women discover and live according to God's original blueprint for their lives.

You do not have to figure this out alone. You were never meant to.

Reach out. Take the next step. The door is open.

Because everything in this guide was written to bring you to this moment, the moment where you stop reading about purpose and start living it. And I would be honoured to be part of what comes next for you.

A Prayer Over You

And now, before you go, let me pray.

Heavenly Father,

I come before You on behalf of every person who has held this guide in their hands and dared to believe that there is more for their life than what they have seen so far.

I thank You that You are not a God who creates people without intention. That before they were formed in the womb, You knew them. That before they took their first breath, You had already written a purpose into their very existence, a specific, irreplaceable, world-changing reason for their being here.

I pray now for clarity. That every fog of confusion, every cloud of doubt, every lie that has obscured their vision of who

they are and what they are called to do, let it lift. Right now. Completely.

Let them see themselves the way You see them — as called, as chosen, as fully equipped for the assignment You have prepared for them.

I pray for courage. That the fear which has kept them small, kept them silent, kept them circling the same ground year after year, let it lose its power today.

Replace it with a holy boldness. The kind that moves mountains. The kind that builds auditoriums after demolitions. The kind that empties accounts in faith and trusts You for the return.

I pray for resilience. That when the road bends — and it will bend — they will not break. That when the setbacks come — and they will come — they will not quit. That they will carry within them the diehard resolve to never settle, never cave in, never meander in the maze of mediocrity, until everything You envisioned for their life is standing fully expressed in the world.

I pray for fruit. That the people they are called to serve will be served. That the lives they are meant to transform will be transformed. That the legacy they are meant to leave will outlast them, speaking long after they are gone of a person who found their purpose and gave everything they had to fulfil it.

And Father, I pray that they never forget this moment. This quiet, significant turning point where they chose, once and for all, to stop drifting and wake up to the life they were made for.

Let this be the day everything changes.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

Go now.

Not when you are ready. Not when it makes sense. Not when the conditions are perfect and the path is clear and the fear is gone.

Go now.

You were born for this.

With love, faith, and absolute belief in everything God placed inside you,

— The Author: Pastor Richman Chukwuemeka Elshaddai

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About the Author

Pastor Richman Chukwuemeka Elshaddai is a passionate servant of God, a teacher of truth, and a voice committed to raising believers into spiritual maturity, authority, and intimacy with God.

His life and ministry are deeply rooted in a divine calling to bring the healing power of Jesus Christ to a sick and dying world, restoring hope, purpose, and spiritual vitality to individuals across all walks of life.

With a strong emphasis on prayer, spiritual discipline, and experiential knowledge of God, Pastor Richman is dedicated to helping believers move beyond surface-level Christianity into a deeper, more powerful walk with God.

His teachings are practical, scripture-based, and spiritually charged, designed not only to inform but to transform.

He believes that every believer is called to live a life of spiritual authority, dominion, and consistent fellowship with God.

At the core of his ministry is a clear and compelling focus: to see lives changed, destinies restored, and individuals empowered to walk in the fullness of God's original design.

He is deeply committed to spearheading a movement of total liberation and restoration; impacting not just individuals, but families, communities, nations, kingdoms, and ultimately all of creation, aligning them back to God's original blueprint.

Pastor Richman's message carries a strong prophetic and transformational mandate centered on:

Liberation – breaking spiritual limitations and setting people free.

Transformation – renewing minds and reshaping lives through the Word and the Spirit.

Fire – igniting and sustaining spiritual passion and fervency.

Eternal Life – leading people into the reality of God's life and nature.

Sonship – raising believers to understand and walk in their identity as sons of God.

Purpose – guiding individuals into clarity and fulfillment of divine assignment.

Immortality – unveiling the deeper dimensions of life in Christ beyond the natural realm.

Through his teachings, writings, and ministry expressions, he calls believers to a higher standard of living; one marked by

consistency in prayer, depth in the Word, sensitivity to the Holy Spirit, and a life that reflects the power and presence of God.

His approach is both spiritual and practical, helping busy believers understand that intimacy with God is not reserved for a select few, but is available to anyone willing to cultivate it intentionally.

Pastor Richman is also the author of transformational guides focused on spiritual growth, including “The Busy Believer’s Guide to a Powerful Prayer Life,” where he equips readers with actionable, faith-filled principles to develop a consistent and effective prayer life in the midst of everyday responsibilities. His work is driven by a desire to see believers not just inspired, but equipped and activated.

Above all, he carries a deep burden for revival, restoration, and the manifestation of God’s power in this generation.

His life message is clear: that believers can live continuously connected to God, walk in spiritual authority, and experience the fullness of His presence daily.

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Final Note:

Pastor Richman Chukwuemeka Elshaddai remains committed to raising a generation of believers who are spiritually alive, deeply rooted in God, and actively demonstrating His power in every sphere of life.

Through his ministry, many are being awakened, equipped, and positioned to fulfill their divine purpose and walk in the fullness of their calling.