



LIVING A GOD FIRST LIFE

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- If you **humble self**, I will **hear**.
- If you **seek me**, I will **forgive**.
- If you **turn**, I will **restore**.

Last week we looked at how important it is for us to humble ourselves—to become teachable—so the lies in our lives can be exposed and God's truth can be revealed.

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Seek first to

- **Expand the territory subject to Christ's rule.** We do that by discovering our purpose and using our gifts to win people to Jesus. More Christ followers = more territory.
- **Please God over pleasing people.**

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- Vision for life brings focus. Hell has a plan for you. Purpose tells us what to say "yes" to and what to say "no" to.

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1. **Genetic** Determinism – Parents
2. **Environmental** Determinism – Environment
3. **Psychic** Determinism – Experiences

4. **In-Christ** Determinism – You are who God says you are. You can do what God says you can do.

Most of the lies we have to overcome center around these determinisms. "The world says vs. what God says."

But I'm not living to please the world, I'm living to please God.

I am a God seeking, devil chasing, Miracle working, diving healing, prison shaking, chains falling off, ain't nothing impossible for me believer.

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