

Living in the Dash

Theme: Living with Purpose in the Dash

Scripture:

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago."

— Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

Devotion:

You weren't placed on this earth by accident. Your dash—the space between your beginning and your end—is loaded with meaning, if you choose to live it with purpose.

In a world full of distractions, it's easy to drift. Days blur into weeks, and we can start to live on autopilot—doing what's expected, chasing what's temporary, or surviving just to get through. But God invites us into something deeper: a life of intentional purpose that leaves eternal impact. Ephesians 2:10 tells us that we are God's *masterpiece*—crafted by the Creator with care and intention. You were *made new* in Christ for a reason: to walk in the *good works* He prepared just for you. That means your purpose isn't random—it's personal. It's divine.

But what happens when the purpose we planned for doesn't work out? What if the career we pursued ends, the dream we prayed for doesn't come to pass, or the door we counted on never opens?

Sometimes, the purpose we imagine is only the starting line, not the finish. God often allows detours—not to derail us, but to direct us toward something far greater than we envisioned. The career that closed may open the way for a calling. The relationship that ended may create space for restoration in ways we never expected.

God's purpose is not confined to our plans. He is the Master Artist, and when He redirects us, it's not because we've failed—it's because He's unfolding something more. Even in disappointment, He is working for your good and for His glory.

Living with purpose means trusting that *even when your script changes, the Author still holds the pen.*

Prayer:

Father, thank You for creating each of us with intention. When our plans fall apart, help me trust that Your purpose is still unfolding. Teach us to release our personal agenda and walk in the path You've prepared—even when we don't understand it. Let our dash reflect Your greater story. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Discussion Questions:

- Have you ever had a plan or purpose fall apart that later made sense in hindsight?
- What does it mean to trust God's purpose when you feel disappointed or lost?
- How can you keep your heart open to His direction, even when it doesn't match your expectations?