

## **21<sup>st</sup> Century Woman Series: Session 2**

### *Why am I Here? Part 1*

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#### 1. Having a Relationship with God

- a. Resting from works (Romans 4:5)
- b. Trusting that everything He does in your life is for your good (Romans 8:28)
- c. Surrendering yourself, your dreams, goals, plans, desire to God (1 Corinthians 3:14-16)
- d. Communicating (talking/listening – prayer/Bible-reading)
- e. Abiding in Him /knowing He is in our midst/seeking His presence (Zeph 3:17)
- f. Delighting in Him (enjoying being loved by Him) (Psalm 37:4)

#### 2. God's General Plan for All Believers

- a. To be sanctified (holy) – set aside for God's purposes (1 Thessalonians 4:3) (John 17:16)
- b. To be conformed to the likeness of Jesus Christ (Romans 8:29) (2 Corinthians 3:18) (Romans 12:2)
- c. To bear fruit (Colossians 1:10; John 15:5)
- d. To agape-love others the way He agape-loves us (John 13:35)
- e. To be His ambassadors and reach others with the good news of salvation (Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 5:20).
- f. To be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances (1 Thes 5:16-18)
- g. To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God (Micah 6:8)

### 3. God's Specific Plan for Me

- a. He gives me specific gifts, talents, strengths and weaknesses that He will use to make an eternal impact (Romans 12:6–8; 1 Corinthians 12:4–11; 1 Peter 4:10–11)
- b. He prepares good works for me to do according to my gifts, strengths, and opportunities (Ephesians 2:10)
- c. His Spirit provides the grace and power for me to do the work (2 Corinthians 9:8)
- d. He equips me to do the work, using my life experiences, the Word, and people He puts in my life (Hebrews 13:20-22)
- e. He gives me opportunities to store up treasures in heaven so that, for all eternity, I can enjoy His presence and His reward (Matthew 6:20; 1 Corinthians 3:14-15)