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Genesis 1:28

“Since 2007 (the same year, notably, that the iPhone was released), the decline in employee productivity has been staggering. One efficiency expert says we can lose more than six hours a day to interruptions. Another estimates that these interruptions waste 28 billion hours a year, costing the U.S. economy nearly \$1 trillion. A different study about multitasking— a mantra for many employers— found that it costs the economy \$450 billion annually.”

- Curt Steinhorst

Main Idea: Purpose Comes from Presence

Purpose Comes from Presence:

1. In Eden
2. Throughout the Bible
3. In your Life

Ezekiel 28

“You were in Eden, the garden of God...the holy mountain of God.”

“And Noah knew that the garden of Eden was the holy of holies and the dwelling of the LORD.”

- *Jewish Book of Jubilees* (c. 75-50 B. C.)

Genesis 2:8

The LORD God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed.

Genesis 2:15

Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.

Genesis 1:28

And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it...”

“We all long for Eden, and we are constantly glimpsing it: our whole nature at its best and least corrupted, its gentlest and most human, is still soaked with the sense of exile.”

- J.R.R. Tolkien

John 1:5,14

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it... The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

“That which is not God can never satiate the heart exclusively created for God’s presence.”

- A.W. Tozer

Philippians 3:20

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

John 20:21

“As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”

2 Corinthians 5:19-20

And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.
20 We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.

“Be constantly committed to prayer and to reading Scripture; by praying, you speak to God, in reading, God speaks to you.”

- Cyprian