

LOVE DOES

DREAMING BIG FOR THE WORLD



DO SOMETHING!

Many people struggle to find direction and purpose in their lives. If that's you, then you should know this: you're not alone! It makes sense- you didn't go to school to build a meaningful life, you went to school to learn fractions and a five paragraph essay.


Along the way, people ask you intense questions like: "So, what are you going to do when you're done with school?" Well intentioned, but usually that just sparks more anxiety and confusion, not clarity or confidence.

You know you have to do something, you have to pay the bills and be responsible and all of that. But in the back of your mind, deep down in your heart, you hear the same whisper I do: MAKE YOUR LIFE COUNT! Maybe it's not so much of a whisper, but more like a refrain from a song that gets stuck in your head.

Do something that matters. Make your life count. Live a life of purpose. Be a world changer. Fulfill the great commission.

No matter how you phrase it, it's all the same direction. And, it's all the same problem to solve. In this short workbook, we want to give you some guidance and signposts that might help you along the way.

Your life absolutely counts. What you choose to do matters. I hope that you pay attention to that whisper or that shout, lean forward on the balls of your feet, and get after the life you're meant to live.

A young boy with dark skin is hanging from a yellow monkey bar at a playground. He is wearing a light blue button-down shirt and purple shorts. He is looking up with a determined expression. The background shows other playground equipment, including a red slide and a blue structure, under a clear sky.

We'll become in our lives what we
do with our love.

- Bob Goff

WHEN IN DOUBT...

Some people will find it- their reason for being here. They're unique, hand-in-glove, perfectly tailor-made role on earth.

That person could be you.


But, that's not my experience. For most people, there isn't a cloud that spells out the right next step, career path, or job. It doesn't mean it won't or can't happen. Keep praying, seeking, listening, and asking God to show that path to you.

And, in the meantime, organize your life around the right things. The best things. I'm a pretty simple guy, intent on taking the words of scripture and applying them to my life. I might be wrong, but I think God really is intent on each one of us putting the focus of our lives on the service of others, especially the...

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People.

When in doubt, when you can't figure out if you should go to Pepperdine or LMU, if you should take the job at Peet's or Starbucks, if you should sign up for the 5K or the Sprint Triathlon, know that God is inviting you to join him in bringing faith, hope, and love to people down the street, around the corner, and across the world.

A photograph of a joyful group of people. In the center is an older man with a white beard and glasses, wearing a brown shirt and a dark patterned jacket, smiling broadly. To his left are two young girls wearing white hijabs and blue dresses, also smiling and holding up a yellow and orange striped balloon. To the right, a young boy in a blue and white striped shirt is holding a large yellow balloon. Another large yellow balloon is in the foreground on the right, and a green and a pink balloon are visible in the bottom left corner. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

God's kingdom doesn't work like the rest of the world. Jesus said the real heroes are the servants, the ones who take cuts to the back of the line. He said our impact isn't measured by our accolades but by the sacrifices we make.

- Bob Goff

DO THE WORK

As you make moves to serve people around you, continue to 'do the work' of discernment and discovery to match your unique design and story to the story God's inviting you into specifically. Here's a set of questions you can use to guide your reflection:

- *What problems in the world really bug you or irritate you?*
- *When you read or watch stories about those problems, what feelings arise in you?*
- *Fill in the blank, "It's not right that_____,because_____. It makes me want to _____."*
- *What are your biggest barriers to moving forward in your dreams to bring positive change to the world? Make a list.*
- *If you weren't worried about_____, what risks would you take to be a force for good? Maybe it's money. Or perhaps it's fear of safety. Maybe you're worried you don't have what it takes or concerned about what people will think about you.*

Now, time to roll up your sleeves.

As Bob says often, "only action becomes love."

Respond to the **Love Does Challenge**- make a move towards someone in your world to offer a measure of hope, love, or kindness.



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