

"Rebel with a Cause" Colossians 1:25-2:5

1. I can find my unique ______ through serving God.

"Of *this church* I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the *preaching of* the word of God," *Colossians 1:25 (NASB)*

"Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest, and asked for letters from him to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. As he was traveling, it happened that he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him; and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?' And he said, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting, but get up and enter the city, and it will be told you what you must do.'" *Acts 9:1-6 (NASB)*

"But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel; for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name's sake." *Acts 9:15-16 (NASB)*

"Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." *Matthew 16:24 (NASB)*

- My calling is God's unique purpose for my life.
- God's purpose for my life will always align with His grander purpose for the world.

2. I will ______ in serving God.

"To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me." *Colossians 1:29 (NIV)*

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13 (NASB)