

A New Use

"...For the Son of Man (Jesus) came to find and restore the lost." Luke 19:10 (MSG)

"This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" **2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)**

How Jesus Salvages My Life -

First He Re-Stories My Story. Luke 2:1-20 NLT, Matt. 2:1-12, John 4:1-42

How Jesus Salvages my life -He <u>re-purposes</u> my <u>purpose</u>.

We look at this Son and see the God who cannot be seen. We look at this Son and see God's original purpose in everything created. For everything, absolutely everything (including everyone), above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels—everything got started in Him (Jesus) and finds its purpose in Him (Jesus). **Col. 1:15-18 (MSG)**

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. **Eph. 2:10 (NLT)**

How to allow Jesus to re-purpose my life -

1. I must accept Him for <u>who He is</u>, and place Him at the <u>center</u> of my life, <u>all of it.</u>

Jesus said..."Anyone who loves me will obey (follow or do) my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our (the Father, Son and Holy Spirit) home with them. Anyone who does not love me will not obey (follow or do) my teaching..." John 14:23-24 (NIV)

2. I must use the platform He has given me for His purposes.

Mary —"I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true…" Luke 1:38 (NLT)

Shepherds – After seeing Him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished, Luke 2:17-18 (NLT)

The man set free – ...So he went all through the town proclaiming the great things Jesus had done for him. Luke 8:38-39 (NLT)

The Samaritan Adulteress – Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman had said... John 4:39 (NLT)

Zacchaeus – But the (religious) people were displeased. "He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled. Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!" Luke 19:7-8 (NLT)

3. Invest my life in His eternal purposes.

After this, Jesus traveled from one city and village to another. He spread the Good News about God's kingdom. The twelve apostles were with Him (They invested their total lives in His work). Also, some women were with Him...These women were Mary, also called Magdalene... Joanna, whose husband Chusa was Herod's administrator; Susanna; and many other women. They provided financial support for Jesus and His disciples. Luke 8:1-3 (GW)

"Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. **Matthew 6:19-20 (NLT)**

Going deeper on your own: Read Luke 8. Intentionally write out a list of all that Jesus has done in your life. Share your list with the people at your Christmas gatherings. Also send me your story at Jay@centerpointchurch.com.