

## A LIFE OF SIGNIFICANCE

- Have you ever wondered why you're here...why God gave you this life?

Drawn from *Wide Awake* by Erwin Raphael McManus:

"...all of us are meant for a life of significance." But "we should never confuse fame with greatness. The former is about what you do for yourself; the latter is about what you do for others. It is in this way that all of us have heroic lives to live. We are all called to serve the greater good."

"We need to live wide awake because there are diseases killing millions and we need to find a cure, famines leaving multitudes starving and we need to provide food, economies leaving families homeless and we need to create opportunities for work and wealth, genocide that must be stopped, slavery that must be ended, water wells that must be dug, children who need to be loved, relationships that need to be healed, elderly who need to be cared for, beauty that needs to be created, futures that need to be saved, and dreams that we must not let die or go unfulfilled."

The world needs you.

- How do you feel about McManus's statements above?

"There is never a point in your life where you lack value or significance. There's always something for you to contribute."

Knowing your purpose and living for it is healing, especially when the focus is on others. We all need something to get up for in the morning.

*If you are generous with the hungry  
and start giving yourselves to the down-and-out,  
Your lives will begin to glow in the darkness,  
your shadowed lives will be bathed in sunlight.*

Isaiah 58:10 (MSG)

- Where have you found purpose?
  - What do you most like to do?
  - Do you prefer to do things to benefit others?
  - Or does it matter?
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- LET'S BRAINSTORM...

*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11*