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**RIGHT
NOW**

A 90-Day Devotional

for Youth and Young Adults

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PURPOSE

II Timothy 1:9

Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Why am I here? I believe the Bible teaches each person is specifically and precisely created (Psalm 139:13-14). Math agrees. Dr. Ali Binazir attempted to calculate the likelihood of your existence. The chances of your parents meeting? Let's say Pop could have met about 200 million women. First of all, let's applaud your dad. You had no idea he had that much game. Realistically, he probably met about twenty thousand women by the time he turned twenty-five. All else aside, there was a one in twenty thousand chance your parents would even meet.

Dr. Binazir goes on to trace all the events that had to occur for your ancestors to make the choices they did, and it comes out to a one in forty million chance of you existing. This staggering number should bring a surge of gratitude. Add in Talmadge French's work on modern Pentecostalism, and the probability of being alive and a Oneness Pentecostal is one in twelve billion.

I just don't believe your life is purposeless. One. In. Twelve. Billion. It's staggering. It's like winning the Powerball. The odds are astronomically small. I submit to you that chance was never a factor.

The Book of Acts says that David died after he served his generation by the will of God. God knew Israel would need a king. David's lineage, his work as a shepherd, his skill with the harp, and his encounter with the lion and the bear were not by accident. Your life isn't either.

