**Why Am I Here?**
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**Introduction:** Song -- “Without God I could do nothing....” “Like a ship without a said.” Without God our life is likened unto a sailboat without a sail. Unto a ship that is drifted aimlessly in the midst of an eternal sea. Going north one hour and south another. Heading east one day and west, the next. Life without God is not purposeful nor directed. Life without God is aimless.

The converse must be true, however. That is that life with God is like a sailboat, not only with a sail, but also with a ship captain. We are not even on the controls, we don’t even have to map our course. He not only knows our point of debarkation, but also our destination. He then, the ship captain, leads us on our journey making only the stops, the ports of call, that He has purposed for our journey.

Do you live a directed or a driven life this morning? Do you live life with God or without God?

This morning we want to look at the seemingly zig-zag life of Jesus and how purpose was wrapped up in every step that He took.

**Text:**

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(I) **There are four (4) Jesus’ in the Bible:**

a. **Our Savior (Jesus of Nazareth):**

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b. **Jesus (Joshua of the O.T.):**

(Acts 7:44-45 KJV) Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen. Which also our fathers that came after brought in with Jesus into the possession of the Gentiles, whom God drove out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David;

c. **Jesus (Companion of Paul):**

(Col 4:9 KJV) With Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They shall make known unto you all things which are done here. Aristarchus my fellowprisoner saluteth you, and Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas, (touching whom ye received commandments: if he come unto you, receive him;) And Jesus, which is called Justus, who are of the circumcision. These only are my fellowworkers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort unto me.

*Sharing a Living Faith with a dying and decaying world.*
d. Bar-Jesus (Evil Jesus):

(Acts 13:6 KJV) And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Barjesus.

(Acts 13:8 KJV) But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.

- Paul went on to call him what he really was. Elymas, meaning, thou child of the devil.

Jesus of Nazareth:

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Picture this. Mary and Joseph and living in Nazareth. Nazareth is located in lower Galilee about halfway between the Sea of Galilee and the Mediterranean Sea. They are about 60 miles from Bethlehem and Mary is about 9 months pregnant. So here they are, a young couple about to have a baby, having to travel some sixty miles with a borrowed donkey and a almost due expectant mother. And to make it even worst, when they finally get to Nazareth, they had no room in the Inn.

There was purpose, however, in this journey. God’s does not make mistakes. There is a rhyme and reason for everything God does.

**Jesus had to be born in Bethlehem because God prophesied that He would:**

(Micah 5:2 KJV) But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

Now after having made that journey and delivering the King of Kings into the world, they have to make another trip.

(Mat 2:13 KJV) And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

Herod had sent the wise men to find Jesus to and told them that he wanted to worship Him also. The wise men were warned in dream, not to return by way of Herod. So they departed into their own country another way. But where does this leave this young couple and their new baby? Not only had they made an exhausting journey prior to the birth, but now they can’t even go back home. **No kisses from Grandma or Grandpa, no gifts from friends. No new clothes for baby Jesus. NO, they had to flee to Egypt and stay there until God said they cold come back!**

Once again, there was purposed wrapped up in this trip as well:

(Hosea 11:1 KJV) When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.
They had to make journey after journey because of **God’s Positioning System**. God had preordained that these things should come to pass.

Finally, (Mat 2:19 KJV) But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for **they are dead which sought the young child’s life.**

(Mat 2:23 KJV) And he came and dwelt in a city called **Nazareth:** that it **might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets,** He shall be called a **Nazarene.**

They were finally able to go back home and even in their going home, they were fulfilling prophecy. God strategically positioned Jesus from place to place for a purpose, that God’s prophecy might be fulfilled.

**He was born in Bethlehem and after fulfilling that prophecy; He moved into Egypt, and after fulfilling that prophecy; He moved to Nazareth.**

**That title “Nazarene” will follow Him for the rest of His life; but He did not spend the rest of His life in Nazareth, because He still had not fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah 9:1.**

**I know this is Christmas time and we celebrate Jesus’ birth, but I can’t stop at the Baby Jesus, but it was not the baby Jesus who saved me. Salvation was a man-sized job!**

(Isa 9:1 NIV) Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future **he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles,** by the way of the sea, along the Jordan.

Isaiah chapter 9 is dealing the Jesus the Messiah who would come and grace the land of Zebulon and Naphtali. **To find our where the land of Zebulun and Naphtali was you would have to back to Joshua and see when he was distributing the land among the twelve tribes. Zebulun and Naphtali were to inherit the “coastal area.”** Around the Sea of Galilee. Nazareth was away from the shore. That’s why they said, nothing good could come from Nazareth. It was not close to water.

(Mat 4:12 KJV) Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee; And **leaving Nazareth,** he came and dwelt in **Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast,** in the borders of **Zabulon and Nephthalim.**

**See ALL of the prophecies had to be fulfilled!!!**

**My destiny (So this is why I am here):**  
It was all in God’s plan for you to be here:

(Rom 8:29-30 KJV) For whom he did **foreknow,** he also did **predestinate** to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also **called:** and whom he called, them he also **justified:** and whom he justified, them he also **glorified.**

**In Conclusion:**  
It may look like everything is going hay-wire in your life. Your book may not be called the **Old Testament,** but you also have some prophecies to fulfill. You have also been destined to a promise. When you feel like you have been tossed to and fro. From pillar to post. From place to place. When it looks like everything has fallen to pieces.
You’re not doing any more then following the zig-zag road that Jesus did. You are being positioned by God’s Positioning System (GPS). There are some destinies in your life that have got to be fulfilled. Fret not, God is taking you from Faith to Faith!!!

It seemed like Jesus had no sense of direction. Bethelem, Israel, Egypt, Jerusalem, He was just fulfilling prophecy.

Why are you here? At this particular stage in your life. Why are you still alive? The mere fact that you are still breathing and that warm blood is flowing through your veins is evidence that God is still looking to use you. God has some prophecies that you have not yet fulfilled. God has a plan for your life and living. God wants to prosper you.

Don’t’ get mad at God when He positions you somewhere you don’t want to go. Don’t get mad at God when you come down on Divine orders to Korea, or Bosnia, or Kuwait. Be thankful to God and know that He has purposed wrapped up in positioning you where He will.

Why has God positioned you in Killeen, why are you here?

Why has God fore-ordained you to be a member of the Marlboro Heights Church? Why are you here?

Why has God placed you at Fort Hood? Why are you here?

Why has God called you preachers, to the ministry? Why are you here?

Why has God told you to get out of the military? Why are you here?

What is your Purpose?

What is your Reason for living?

Why have you shifted from Position to Position?

The question is this morning is Why?