

**“The Connection Point: ME” Series
Part 2 “Connecting Others With God’s
Purpose”**

Text: Acts 9:1-18

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Three ways to connect to our life’s purpose:

**1. Pursue God for the purpose of strengthening
our relationship with Him.**

Acts 9:1-6

Saul asked the two greatest questions a person can ask:

1. “Who are you, Lord?”
2. “Lord, what do you want me to do?”

Two things that will outlast and outlive this world:

1. The Word of God.
2. Anyone who does the Will of God.

God’s will falls basically under three categories:

1. The Providential will of God.
2. The Practical will of God.
3. The Personal will of God.

Five misconceptions about God’s Will:

1. God’s Will is like a roadmap.
2. God is a celestial killjoy.
3. God has a will for only certain people.
4. God has a will for only young people.
5. God hides His will from us.

**2. Connect with others for the purpose of making
disciples.**

**3. Remember that God is leading in our everyday
affairs for our advantage.**

The purpose of God will never take you where the power
of God cannot keep you.

Scripture:

Acts 9:1-18 NKJV

1 Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3 As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. 4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?” 5 And he said, “Who are You, Lord?” Then the Lord said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads.” 6 So he, trembling and astonished, said, “Lord, what do You want me to do?” Then the Lord said to him, “Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.” 7 And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. 8 Then Saul arose from the

ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. 9 And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank. 10 Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." 11 So the Lord said to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. 12 And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight." 13 Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. 14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name." 15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. 16 For I will show him how many

things he must suffer for My name's sake." 17 And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.