



RCCG LSP HOME CONNECT

Identity & Purpose

Destined: God's Counsel and Your Walk

At a Glance

BIG IDEA

Many plans can be made, but God's counsel is what stands. Scripture shows people marked by promise who still faced plots, temptation, and imprisonment—yet God's purpose was not cancelled. This study traces how identity, integrity, and worship keep a believer aligned with God's destiny.

PRIMARY PASSAGES

Psalms 33:11

Proverbs 19:21

Romans 4:17

Genesis 37:18

Genesis 39:20

Joshua 24:15

Key Takeaways

- God's counsel stands even when many plans are made (Psalms 33:11; Proverbs 19:21).
- Destiny is connected to identity and confession—who you recognize and what you speak matters (Matthew 16:13; Romans 4:17).
- Opposition and setbacks are real, but they do not automatically cancel God's purpose (Genesis 37:18; Genesis 39:1; Genesis 39:20).
- Integrity in private choices protects the path God is shaping (Genesis 39:7; Genesis 17:1).
- You must choose whom you will serve, and worship strengthens perseverance (Joshua 24:15; Psalms 34:1).
- God can position the faithful for responsibility and influence (Daniel 6:1).

Introduction

To be destined is not to be free from conflict; it is to be anchored to the counsel of the LORD. Scripture repeatedly holds two truths together: God's purpose stands, and the faithful still must choose to walk in alignment through real tests. This study follows that pattern —learning to trust God's counsel, guard identity and confession, endure opposition without surrender, practice integrity in hidden moments, and persevere through service and praise.

Scripture Reading

- **Psalms 33:11** — Declares that the counsel of the LORD stands forever, grounding destiny in God's unchanging purpose rather than unstable circumstances.
- **Proverbs 19:21** — Contrasts many human plans with the LORD's purpose, clarifying whose decision ultimately prevails.
- **Romans 4:17** — Describes God as the One who gives life and calls into being what does not exist, shaping faith-filled confession that agrees with what God has spoken.
- **Matthew 16:13** — Raises the question of identity, showing how recognizing who Jesus is affects belief, direction, and response.

Scripture Reading (cont.)

- **Genesis 37:18** — Shows hostility and plotting against Joseph, reminding readers that opposition can target those connected to promise.
- **Genesis 39:1** — Records Joseph's forced change of setting, illustrating that God's purpose can continue through unwanted transitions.
- **Genesis 39:7** — Presents Joseph's temptation, highlighting how private integrity relates to a faithful walk and long-term purpose.
- **Genesis 39:20** — Describes Joseph's unjust imprisonment, proving that hardship can coexist with destiny and does not automatically cancel God's purpose.
- **Daniel 6:1** — Depicts administrative positioning and responsibility, demonstrating God's ability to elevate faithful people into influence.
- **Genesis 17:1** — Contains God's call to "walk before me," linking destiny not merely to outcomes but to daily obedience and character.
- **Joshua 24:15** — Calls for a decisive commitment to serve the LORD, framing destiny as something walked out through consistent choice.

Scripture Reading (cont.)

- **Psalms 34:1** — Commits to continual praise, teaching worship as a sustaining posture under pressure and uncertainty.

Key Points

1. **Destiny Begins with God's Counsel** — Being destined is first about the counsel of the LORD, not the strength of human strategy. Scripture teaches that God's counsel stands, even when people produce many competing plans. This establishes a stabilizing foundation for faith: circumstances can change and intentions can clash, but God's purpose is not fragile. The question becomes less, "How many plans can I make?" and more, "How can I align my walk with what God has purposed?" When pressure rises, this truth guards against panic. It invites trust and obedience without pretending that conflict is unreal.
 - Name one area where many plans compete, and submit it to God in prayer, asking for alignment with His purpose.
 - When faced with uncertainty, repeat the truth that the counsel of the LORD stands, and choose one obedient next step.
 - Reduce decision-making noise by writing down the difference between what you want and what Scripture clearly prioritizes (faithfulness, integrity, worship).
 - If disappointment comes, resist interpreting it as cancellation; instead, re-anchor your thinking to God's counsel.

Scripture: Psalms 33:11 Proverbs 19:21

Key Points (cont.)

2. Identity and Confession Shape Direction — A faithful walk is shaped by identity: who Jesus is to you and what you agree with. The question Jesus raises about identity presses for clarity, because confusion about Jesus produces confusion about direction. Faith also speaks. Romans describes God as the One who calls into being what does not exist, and faith learns to agree with God's word even before outcomes are visible. This is not denial of reality; it is alignment with God's promise and power. Destiny is walked out by people who hold steady in identity and confession —refusing to let fear, opposition, or delay redefine what God has said.
 - Answer the identity question personally: write a sentence describing who Jesus is, using Scripture as your anchor.
 - Choose one promise-shaped statement of faith that agrees with God's purpose, and speak it consistently in prayer.
 - Identify a recurring negative confession (words of defeat), and replace it with Scripture-shaped language.
 - Practice humility in confession: agree with God's word without using words to control people or outcomes.

Scripture: Matthew 16:13 Romans 4:17

Key Points (cont.)

3. Opposition and Setbacks Don't Cancel Purpose — Joseph's story makes room for a difficult reality: people can plot against what God intends, and the faithful can experience forced transitions. Being destined does not mean being uncontested. Joseph faced hostility (a plot), disruption (a new setting), and injustice (imprisonment). None of those moments prove that God's purpose ended; they show that the path of purpose can include painful chapters. This perspective helps believers endure without surrendering to despair. Opposition is not automatically a verdict against destiny; it may be a setting where faithfulness is refined and God's counsel still stands.

- When opposition arises, resist immediate conclusions; ask, “How can I remain faithful in this chapter?”
- List one setback you are tempted to label as failure, and reframe it as a place to continue obedience.
- Refuse retaliation and bitterness; choose actions that keep your heart aligned with God's purpose.
- Seek wise accountability during transitions so isolation does not reshape your identity.

Scripture: Genesis 37:18

Genesis 39:1

Genesis 39:20

Key Points (cont.)

4. **Integrity Is a Destiny Requirement** — Temptation tests whether a person will trade long-term purpose for short-term relief. Joseph’s moment of temptation shows that destiny includes private decisions, not merely public outcomes. God’s call to “walk before me” emphasizes a daily, God-aware life. Integrity is not optional; it protects the path God is shaping. A person may not control every circumstance, but can choose faithfulness in the moment. Integrity does not guarantee immediate comfort, but it preserves the heart and keeps a believer aligned with God’s counsel and purpose.
- Identify one recurring temptation, and plan a specific boundary to avoid it (time, place, conversation, or access).
 - Practice “walk before me” awareness: begin the day acknowledging God’s presence before decisions begin.
 - Choose honesty in small matters to strengthen integrity for larger tests.
 - If you have failed, repent quickly and return to obedience rather than hiding or hardening.

Scripture: Genesis 39:7 Genesis 17:1

Key Points (cont.)

5. Choose Service, Continue in Praise — Destiny is not only discovered; it is chosen and walked out. Joshua's call is direct: choose whom you will serve. This choice is not a single moment only, but a repeated allegiance that shapes habits, priorities, and endurance. Praise strengthens perseverance. Continual praise does not ignore trouble; it keeps God at the center when pressure tries to dominate attention. Worship trains the heart to remain steady and faithful. God can also position the faithful for responsibility. Daniel's example shows that God can place trustworthy people into influence, not as a shortcut, but as a result of consistent faithfulness and service.

- Make your choice explicit: state in prayer whom you will serve, and name one change that supports that choice.
- Build a rhythm of praise: choose words of gratitude to speak daily, especially when emotions resist.
- Serve faithfully in what is in front of you rather than waiting for ideal conditions.
- If entrusted with responsibility, practice humility and diligence so influence remains aligned with God's purpose.

Scripture: Joshua 24:15

Psalms 34:1

Daniel 6:1

Group Discussion

Tip: Use these questions to guide the group from seeing → understanding → applying.

Observation

- In Psalms 33:11 and Proverbs 19:21, what contrast is made between human plans and God's counsel?
- In Matthew 16:13, what is the central question being raised, and what does it focus on?
- What forms of opposition or setback appear in Genesis 37:18, Genesis 39:1, and Genesis 39:20?
- What kind of temptation is presented in Genesis 39:7, and what does it reveal about private choices?
- In Joshua 24:15 and Psalms 34:1, what actions are emphasized as ongoing commitments?

Interpretation

- How does the phrase “the counsel of the LORD stands” shape the meaning of being destined?
- Why might identity (who Jesus is) affect a believer’s direction and perseverance during trials?
- How does Romans 4:17 inform the relationship between faith and confession without denying present realities?
- What does Joseph’s experience suggest about the relationship between hardship and God’s purpose?
- Why are “walk before me” integrity and the choice to serve connected to destiny rather than separate from it?

Application

- Where do you feel pressured by competing plans right now, and what would alignment with God’s counsel look like in one concrete step?
- What negative confession or fear-driven narrative tends to shape your decisions, and how can you replace it with faith-filled agreement with God?
- What is one setback you are interpreting as cancellation, and how can you continue faithful obedience within it?

Application (cont.)

- What boundary or practice would strengthen integrity in your most vulnerable area of temptation?
- What does it look like for you to choose service daily, and how can praise become a steady habit under pressure?

Prayer Focus

- Align my plans and decisions with Your unchanging counsel and purpose.
- Strengthen my identity in Christ and my confession of faith in what You have spoken.
- Give me integrity to walk before You in hidden choices and temptations.
- Teach me to endure opposition with steady praise and faithful service.

Next Step

Choose one area of competing plans, submit it to God's counsel in prayer, and take one obedient step that reflects integrity, service, and praise.

Conclusion

Destiny is anchored in the counsel of the LORD, not in changing conditions or human plans. God's purpose stands, yet it is walked out through faithful choices: clarity of identity in Jesus, confession that agrees with God, endurance through opposition, integrity that reflects "walk before me," and a deliberate choice to serve with continual praise. The path may include disruption and delay, but faithfulness keeps a believer aligned with what God has purposed.