'GRAB **BAG' #6** Discovering God's Purpose

## By Recognizing that He is a God of Purpose (John 1:1-3, Acts 2:22-24)

John 1:1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God.

<sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Acts 2:22 "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know-

<sup>23</sup> this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

<sup>24</sup> God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

## 'GRAB BAG' #6 By Living for and Obeying Him (Which Includes Seeking Counsel from Older Christians) (I Kings 12:6-8)

1 Kings 12:6 Then King Rehoboam took counsel with the old men, who had stood before Solomon his father while he was yet alive, saying, "How do you advise me to answer this people?"

<sup>7</sup>And they said to him, "If you will be a servant to this people today and serve them, and speak good words to them when you answer them, then they will be your servants forever."

<sup>8</sup> But he abandoned the counsel that the old men gave him and took counsel with the young men who had grown up with him and stood before him.

# 'GRAB BAG' #6 By Going FORWARD! (Philippians 3:12-15)

Philippians 3:12 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

<sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,

### 'GRAB BAG' #6 <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you.

