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# I WILL GO ON PURPOSE

Dear Pathfinders, Leaders, and Fellow Believers Around the World, Warm greetings in the powerful name of Jesus Christ, our Master Guide and soon-coming King!

On behalf of the General Conference Youth Ministries Department, it brings me immense joy to welcome you to World Pathfinder Day 2025. Today, across continents and cultures, we unite in celebration—not only of what the Pathfinder Club has accomplished over the years, but of the purpose that drives us forward.

This year's theme, "Pathfinders on Purpose," speaks directly to the core of our identity. You were not born to drift. You were not saved to be silent. You are chosen to live intentionally—for Christ, for service, and for others. In a world where confusion and compromise often take center stage, Pathfinders are called to stand out—not by chance, but on purpose.

The Word of God assures us: "The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, Lord, endures forever" (Psalm 138:8, NIV). That's not just poetic—it's a promise. A promise that your life matters. That your witness counts. That your obedience today is building a legacy that will echo into eternity.

To every Pathfinder wearing the uniform today—remember, you are not

just representing a club. You are representing a kingdom. The drills, the honors, the camping trips—they are tools, not the target. The purpose of Youth Ministries has always been to mobilize young people for mission. Our ultimate calling is not just to march—it's to move into the world with the gospel. Every badge earned, every Bible verse memorized, every act of service is a testimony that says: "I am here for a reason."

To our leaders and volunteers—thank you for modeling purpose through mentorship. Your faithfulness is planting seeds in this generation that will one day change nations. To parents, pastors, and church families—your support is the backbone of this movement.

And to all Pathfinders—walk tall, speak truth, serve boldly. Let your light so shine that others will want to know the Jesus you follow.

As we move forward together, let us commit to living with focus, faith, and fire. Jesus is coming soon. Until then, let us declare with passion and conviction: "I Will Go"—on purpose.

In service and solidarity,



# SHINE WITH PURPOSE

Dear Pathfinders:

Receive a cordial greeting full of blessings!

We live in a world that offers many paths, but only one leads to a full and purposeful life: living by the principles and example of our leader, Jesus.

Being a member of a Pathfinder Club gives you the privilege of enjoying genuine friendships, experiences that strengthen your faith, opportunities to serve, and above all, the peace, hope, and purpose that only Christ can give. Being part of this great spiritual family is a gift that transforms the heart and opens the doors to a blessed future.

Therefore, we extend this special invitation to join the activities planned locally in your church, with the Conference and Union to which you belong, and together with us, share in activities that will lead to a global impact. During this week, renew your commitment to learn more about the Word of God and grow as committed disciples.

The Pathfinder Club is a place where you are valued, accepted, and loved, and where you will find purpose to shine as a light in your school, family, and community. Remember: "Let no one despise your youth, but set an example to the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12).

I congratulate you for being a Pathfinder and encourage you to be strong and faithful, a servant of God and a friend to all!

Choose to walk with God, enjoy your purpose hand in hand with God, and your life can be more meaningful, joyful, and secure!



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This day is an opportunity to celebrate intention and proposed

# PATHFINDER DAY CELEBRATION GUIDELINES

Pathfinder Day is a special opportunity to honor the calling, character, and community of our Pathfinder Clubs around the world. Rooted in spiritual growth, service, and connection, this day is a chance to celebrate with intention and purpose.

Below are recommended elements to guide your club and church in planning a powerful and memorable Pathfinder Day:

## 1. Purpose-Driven Morning Worship

Begin the day with a spiritually enriching worship service led by Pathfinders. Allow them to take the lead—from welcome to praise, scripture, prayer, and sermon. Encourage messages that reflect the theme Pathfinders on Purpose, emphasizing calling, identity, and mission.

## 2. Intentional Outreach (Sabbath Afternoon)

Demonstrate purposeful compassion through hands-on service projects in your local community. Whether it's distributing care packages, visiting the elderly, cleaning public spaces, or encouraging acts of kindness—make your outreach meaningful and mission-aligned.

## 3. Celebratory Social Fellowship (After Sunset)

After Sabbath, celebrate the joy of Pathfinder community with intentional, uplifting social activities. Host games, talent showcases, or themed gatherings that highlight teamwork, creativity, and fellowship.

## 4. Engaging and Inspiring Worship Services

Design the entire worship experience—Sabbath School and Divine Service—to reflect the talents and voices of Pathfinders. Incorporate skits, testimonies, music, and interactive elements that connect with all ages and honor the spiritual purpose of Pathfinders.

## 5. Special Pathfinder Offering

Promote a special offering during the service in support of your local Pathfinder Club. These funds directly impact future ministry opportunities, events, uniforms, camporees, and outreach.

## 6. Baptismal Celebration

If there are Pathfinders who are ready to take the next step in their spiritual journey, consider including a baptismal service. This moment not only affirms their faith but also inspires peers and families.

By embracing these recommendations, your Pathfinder Day celebration will not only reflect our identity but will inspire a generation of Pathfinders to live on purpose—for Christ, for service, and for others.

## 7. A Walk-Through Pathfinder History

Dedicate a moment during the day to reflect on the legacy of the Pathfinder movement. Present a visual timeline, short video, or testimony that shares the global impact and evolution of Pathfinders in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

## 8. Capture the Purpose

Take a group photo of your club and capture key moments throughout the day. Share these memories on social media with the hashtags #PathfindersOnPurpose, #WPD25, and #WPD2025 to join the global celebration.

## 9. Invite and Include

Make Pathfinder Day a welcoming event for the whole church and surrounding community. Invite friends, neighbors, and former Pathfinders. This is a chance to share what Pathfinders is all about and invite others to join the journey.



hashtags  
#PathfindersOnPurpose,  
#WPD25,  
and #WPD2025



# PATHFINDER DAY SERVICE PROGRAM GUIDE

This program  
is a  
**spiritual  
celebration**

This suggested service program is designed to offer a spiritually enriching and well balanced celebration of Pathfinder Day. Each element is crafted to reflect the purpose-driven spirit of the Pathfinder movement while highlighting youth leadership, worship, and mission.

## 1. Welcome & Introduction to Pathfinder Day

Begin with a warm welcome from a Pathfinder or leader. Briefly highlight the significance of Pathfinder Day and introduce this year's global theme: "Pathfinders on Purpose." Emphasize how each activity today reflects intentional living, service, and spiritual growth.

## 2. Countdown Video

Show a dynamic countdown video to energize the audience and signal the start of the celebration. Choose visuals that reflect global Pathfinder unity and excitement.

## 3. Formation for Processional

Gather Pathfinders, staff, and flag bearers outside or in a designated area. Ensure uniforms are sharp and formations are organized in preparation for a reverent, purpose-filled

entry.

## 4. Processional

Enter the worship space with music, banners, and national or Pathfinder flags. This formal entrance marks the beginning of a special worship service led by Pathfinders.

## 5. Invocation

Invite a Pathfinder or youth leader to offer the invocation, inviting God's presence and blessings on the day's program.

## 6. Pathfinder Song

Lead the congregation in singing the Pathfinder Song. Encourage full participation to foster unity and pride in the Pathfinder identity.

## 7. Aim, Motto, Pledge and Law

Have Pathfinders recite the Aim, Motto, Pledge, and with clarity and meaning. This is a reaffirmation of the values and principles Pathfinders strive to live by.

## 8. Welcome & Announcements

The emcee or club director may share official greetings, a brief overview of







the day's schedule, and any important announcements for guests and members.

### 9. Video Greeting from World Pathfinder Director

Play a special video greeting from the World Pathfinder Director. This message reinforces the global connection and vision of the Pathfinder ministry.

### 10. Opening Song

Lead an uplifting praise song that sets a tone of joyful worship and intentional celebration.

### 11. Prayer of Thanksgiving & Guidance

Invite a Pathfinder or young adult to lead a prayer, thanking God for the opportunity to serve and asking for guidance throughout the program and beyond.

### 12. Special Item (Music or Creative Presentation) (optional)

Feature a musical performance, dramatic reading, or other artistic expression by Pathfinders or youth that reflects purpose, mission, or testimony.

### 13. Scripture Reading

Select a Bible passage aligned with the day's theme (e.g. Psalm 138:8). Allow a Pathfinder to read it with confidence and reverence.

### 14. Tithe & Offering

Introduce the offering with a short message about supporting Pathfinder ministry. Designate the collection to benefit the local club and future mission-driven activities.

### 15. Special Item (Second Music or Drama) (optional)

Offer a second special item to keep the energy and inspiration flowing. Consider incorporating cultural elements, testimonies, or multimedia if appropriate.

### 16. Sermons / Message

Present the sermon, selecting from one of the inspiring messages by Dr. José Antonio Pagán or another purpose-aligned speaker. The message should challenge and encourage Pathfinders to live with intentional faith and commitment.

### 17. Closing Song

End with a powerful, unifying song that sends Pathfinders out with courage and purpose.

### 18. Closing Prayer

A final blessing over the congregation, Pathfinders, and the impact of their ongoing ministry. Invite a club leader, youth elder, or Pathfinder to offer this prayer.

### 19. Fellowship Lunch (optional)

Conclude the formal service with a time of food and fellowship. This moment of connection strengthens community and reflects the joy of walking with purpose.

### Bonus: Media & Sharing

Encourage attendees to capture moments and post using the hashtags #PathfindersOnPurpose, #WPD25, and #WPD2025 to share your celebration with the global Pathfinder community.



Pathfinders  
can live out their  
faith by  
serving others



# HELPING OUR COMMUNITY

Pathfinders are not only learners and leaders—they are helpers with purpose. One of the most powerful ways Pathfinders can live their faith is by serving others in their own communities. Below are practical, adaptable ways for clubs to make a lasting impact—no matter their size or resources.

## 1. Identify Community Needs

Start by observing and listening. What are the needs in your area?

- Talk to neighbors, teachers, or church leaders.
- Walk around your neighborhood or village.
- Pray and ask God to show you who needs help.

Understanding your community's real challenges helps you serve with purpose.

## 2. Plan Local Service Projects

Once you know the needs, choose projects you can realistically do:

- Clean public spaces or schoolyards.
- Collect clothing or food for those in need.
- Visit hospitals or orphanages.
- Help families with small home repairs or yard work.

Start small and grow as you go. Every act of kindness matters.

## 3. Partner With Others

You don't have to serve alone. Collaborate with:

- Local schools or clinics.
- Churches or community centers.
- Other clubs or ministries.

Partnerships create bigger impact and stronger relationships.

## 4. Teach & Share Knowledge

Lead simple workshops or help others learn new skills:

- Tutoring younger children.
- Teaching hygiene or health basics.
- Hosting a Bible study.
- Demonstrating first aid or fire safety.

Sharing what you know is a powerful way to serve.

## 5. Create or Support Community Gardens

If space allows, start or help maintain a garden:

- Grow vegetables to share with those in need.
- Use gardening as a team-building activity.
- Teach about sustainable living and nutrition.

Even a few plants in pots can bless someone.

## 6. Lead Awareness Campaigns

Use simple methods (posters, skits, or small talks) to raise awareness on topics like::

- Mental health.
- Kindness and anti-bullying.
- Environmental care.
- Respect for elders and inclusion.

Knowledge leads to action

## 7. Support Senior Citizens

Reach out to elderly members of your community:

- Visit and listen to their stories.
- Help with house chores.
- Sing or read the Bible to them.
- Prepare and deliver meals if possible.

Loneliness is often the greatest need—your presence is the gift.

## 8. Protect God's Creation

Get involved in environmental stewardship:

- Tree planting.
- Recycling or waste reduction.
- Clean-up drives near rivers, streets, or forests.
- Teach others about conservation.

We are caretakers of the Earth—this is our purpose too.

## 9. Share Stories With Purpose

If you have access to social media or basic tech:

- Share stories of your club's service.
- Encourage others to get involved.

- Use hashtags like **#PathfindersOnPurpose**

to join the global movement.

Even simple photos or messages can inspire others worldwide.

## 10. Serve Regularly, Not Just Occasionally

Community service isn't just for Pathfinder Day. Encourage regular involvement:

- Once a week, once a month, or on Sabbath afternoons.
- Keep it simple, consistent, and intentional.

Consistency builds character.

## 11. Evaluate and Grow

After each project, reflect as a club:

- What went well?
- What did we learn?
- What can we do better?

Let each experience make the next one stronger and deeper.

## Final Thoughts

Pathfinders serve because Jesus served. You don't need money or media to make a difference—just a willing heart and a clear purpose.

*"Whatever you did for one of the least of these... you did for Me."* –

*Matthew 25:40*





# AIM, MOTTO, PLEDGE, AND LAW

## AIM

The Advent Message to all the world in my generation.

## MOTTO

The love of Christ compels us.

## PLEDGE

By the grace of God,  
I will be pure and kind and true.  
I will keep the Pathfinder Law.  
I will be a servant of God  
and a friend to man.

## LAW

The Pathfinder Law is for me to:

- Keep the morning watch.
- Do my honest part.
- Care for my body.
- Keep a level eye.
- Be courteous and obedient.
- Walk softly in the sanctuary.
- Keep a song in my heart.
- Go on God's errands.

The love  
of Christ  
compels us





## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A PATHFINDER ON PURPOSE?

Being a Pathfinder on Purpose means that you're not just part of a club for fun (although fun is definitely part of it!).

It means you choose to live with intention, to grow in Christ, and to live out your faith in real, everyday ways.

As Pathfinders, we don't just wear the uniform—we represent something bigger. We stand for Jesus. Our Aim says it best: "The Advent Message to all the world in my generation." That's a big mission! But God doesn't call us to be perfect—He calls us to be willing.

The Bible reminds us in Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV), "'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"

Being a Pathfinder on purpose means trusting that God has a plan for you—even now. You don't have to wait to be used by God.

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## SO HOW DO YOU LIVE AS A PATHFINDER ON PURPOSE?

### Grow Your Faith

Spend time with God every day. Read your Bible, pray, and learn from others. You might not understand everything right away, and that's okay. Keep showing up. Keep seeking.

### Serve Others

Jesus said, "...whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant" (Matthew 20:26, NIV). Whether it's picking up trash in your neighborhood, helping a younger sibling, or praying for a friend—you're living out your Pathfinder pledge: "By the grace of God, I will be pure, kind, and true..."

### Be a Light

Ellen G. White wrote, "Christ has no hands in our world but our hands to do His work" (The Ministry of Healing, p. 106). Every act of kindness, every word of encouragement, every time you choose right over wrong—you're showing others what God's love looks like.

### Live the Law

The Pathfinder Law is more than words—it's a lifestyle. Being cheerful, obedient, reverent, and honest are choices you get to make every day. And guess what? God sees and celebrates every effort you make to reflect His character.

When you choose to live as a Pathfinder on purpose, you're saying: "I belong to Jesus, and I want to make a difference now."

You're not too young to lead. You're not too small to shine. And you're definitely not too early to say, "I Will Go!" — because God is calling you today.

"Let no one look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." — 1 Timothy 4:12 (NIV)

**Let's go—on purpose.**

## ABOUT THE WRITER

Born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Dr. José Antonio Pagán began his faith journey at age seven when he became the first Adventist in his family. Soon after, his parents accepted the gospel—his first experience as a soul-winner.

He is married to Marta Migdalia, his ministry partner. Together, they hold degrees in psychology and family counseling. Dr. Pagán earned a Master's and Doctorate in Pastoral Ministry, with a specialization in Urban Evangelism, from Andrews University.

At 19, he began his ministerial career as chaplain and Bible teacher in San Juan while assisting the Youth Director. In 1995, he founded Jesus Loves Jeans, a bilingual youth discipleship program that has trained many young people in evangelism and small groups, some of whom now serve in pastoral ministry.

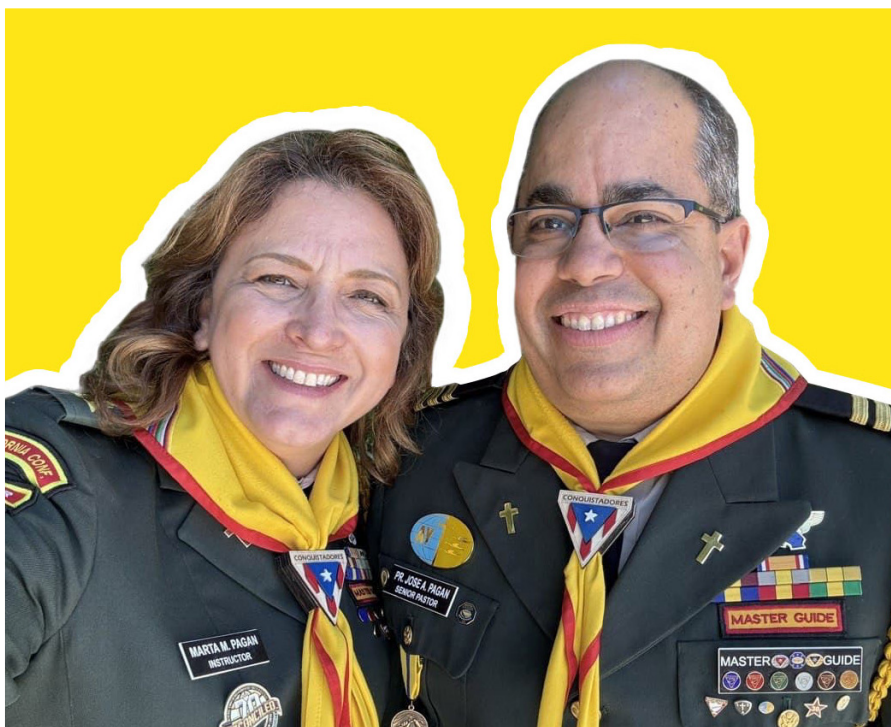
He became the first youth pastor of Forest City SDA Church in Orlando in 2000, later pastoring in West Palm Beach and Houston. His passion for soul-winning earned him recognition in the Texas Conference.

From 2009–2014, he served at Southwestern Adventist University as Pastoral Liaison, promoting youth involvement and Adventist education. He then led churches in Dallas and Keene, and served as Ministerial Director for the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference.

Since January 2023, he has served as Youth Director of the Central California Conference, focusing on multiplying youth evangelism. He has twice been considered for the World Pathfinder Director role.

Dr. Pagán is also a certified Police and FBI Chaplain, endorsed by the North American Division. He has preached around the world at youth events and camporees, always proclaiming Christ through Scripture and the Spirit of Prophecy.

“Youth ministries and evangelism,” he says, “aren’t just my work—they’re my heartbeat. Pathfinder blood runs through my veins!”



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my veins!

DR. JOSÉ ANTONIO PAGÁN



## SERMON

1 "PATHFINDERS  
WITH PURPOSE"

**Key Text:** "The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, Lord, endures forever—do not abandon the works of your hands." — Psalm 138:8, NIV

**Introduction**

Happy Sabbath, beloved church, Pathfinders, leaders, friends, and brothers and sisters in Christ! Today, we join thousands of Pathfinders around the world in celebrating Pathfinder Day and 75 years of a ministry that has led many to the feet of Jesus for over seven decades. In every corner of the planet where there are faithful and brave youth, we boldly proclaim that God has a purpose for each of us as Adventist Pathfinders in these final days.

Today, we will talk about a young man just like you. He wasn't the oldest, the strongest, or the most popular. He spent time tending sheep, singing psalms, and praying. Yet God chose him for great things. His name was David.

David was a young man with purpose—a true Pathfinder, first in heart before stepping onto the battlefield. And God wants you to live with purpose too. Let's consider several important

aspects of his life that offer clear principles on how to be Pathfinders

with purpose. Each point will elevate our thinking and reassure us that God is fulfilling His purpose in us.

**I. David: An Ordinary Young Man with an Eternal Calling**

When the prophet Samuel went to Jesse's house to anoint the new king, everyone assumed it would be one of David's older brothers. But God said:

"Do not consider his appearance or his height... People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." — 1 Samuel 16:7, NIV

God doesn't seek appearance—He seeks willingness.

David was tending sheep—a humble job—but while others overlooked him, God was preparing him.

The Spirit of Prophecy tells us in Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 632.3, that David grew in grace before God and men. He had been trained in the ways of the Lord and now gave his heart more fully than ever to doing God's will. His experiences at court, witnessing Saul's temptations and the sorrow of his reign, made him reflect deeply. In moments of anxiety, David took up his harp and lifted his mind to

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big challenges



the Author of all good.

As Adventist Pathfinders, our purpose begins with purifying our hearts before God and transforming our lives into Christ's image.

You may not hold an important position today—but God sees you. Your faithfulness in the little things is shaping your character for greater responsibilities.

## II. Purpose is Born in Secret

David didn't start out killing giants. His early victories were not public. His purpose began in the fields, tending sheep, composing songs to God, learning to use a sling, and defending his flock from bears and lions. The Bible affirms: "Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear..." — 1 Samuel 17:36, NIV

Before facing Goliath, David had already won silent battles. When no one was watching, he was faithful. The Spirit of God dwelled in his heart.

Pathfinders, remember: we can only bring forth what we've stored in our hearts when facing pressure—whether from drugs, peer pressure, laziness, or any temptation that threatens our faith. If we don't carry the values of Jesus in our hearts—if we don't read the Bible, memorize His counsel, or build a personal relationship with our Savior—we won't be able to stand.

Small, daily decisions—being honest, praying, obeying our parents, resisting temptation—prepare us for bigger challenges.

## III. A Pathfinder with Purpose Trusts in God

We face big challenges as Pathfinders—in our schools, homes, and communities. Sometimes these challenges feel like giants that disrupt our peace. We all face attacks from the enemy. That's why we must be alert.

In difficult times, remember the Pathfinder Pledge and Law—they will keep you grounded on the right path. (Insert the full Pathfinder Pledge and Law here.)

Back to David—the Bible says that giant terrified all of Israel. But a young man, loyal to his pledge and law, rose with purpose.

"For forty days the Israelite army had trembled before the Philistine giant's arrogant challenge..." (Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 634.2)

David said:

"You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty..." — 1 Samuel 17:45, NIV

Praise God for the confidence this Pathfinder had in his Creator!

You too can face any challenge in the name of the Lord. A Pathfinder with purpose doesn't run from giants—they face them with full trust in their God.

## IV. The Path of Purpose is Not Easy

Remember, one great victory doesn't mean the trials are over.

After killing Goliath, was David crowned king? No! He was pursued for years by King Saul. He lived in caves, was betrayed, and went hungry.





"The path of purpose passes through the wilderness before reaching the palace."

If you are going through a difficult season, don't be discouraged. God is still working in you. The wilderness is not the end—it's part of your preparation as a Pathfinder.

### V. A Pathfinder with Purpose Honors God

Even when David had the chance to kill Saul, his enemy, he said:

"I will not lay my hand on my lord, because he is the Lord's anointed." — 1 Samuel 24:10, NIV

David had power—but also reverence for God. He acknowledged authority and respected the Lord's anointed.

Pathfinders respect their pastors, directors, counselors, parents, teachers, and leaders.

Purpose never justifies doing wrong. A true Pathfinder with purpose doesn't just seek results—they seek to please God in everything.

### VI. God Fulfills His Purpose

Eventually, David was crowned king. But the greatest honor wasn't the throne—it was that from his lineage came Jesus, our Savior.

"The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me..." — Psalm 138:8, NIV

Because of David's faithfulness, his life was woven into the plan of redemption. What a beautiful reality: from the life of this strong and faithful Pathfinder, our Savior Jesus was born. He is our only example of how to be youth of great

victories, faithful as the compass to the pole.

You and I are part of the final generation of Pathfinders on this earth. Jesus, our Great Master Guide, is coming soon for us.

The signs show that very soon, every Pathfinder with purpose will celebrate that glorious moment when we see Jesus coming in majesty.

### Conclusion: Pathfinders with Purpose

You may be in your sheep field today—your school, your home, your club, or your community.

Maybe no one sees what you do... but God does.

Maybe you're facing giants—bullying, temptation, fear, insecurity...

But if you walk with God, His purpose will be fulfilled.

### Final Appeal

Today, God is asking you:

Do you want to be a Pathfinder like David?  
A Pathfinder with purpose?

If your answer is yes, I invite you to stand and come forward. Let's pray together and ask for God's mighty Spirit in our lives.

Tell the Lord:

"Here I am. Use my life. I want to fulfill Your purpose."

Before we pray, let's repeat the key verse for this Pathfinder Day:

"The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, Lord, endures forever—do not abandon the works of your hands." — Psalm 138:8, NIV





## Closing Prayer

Lord, today I come before You as a Pathfinder. I am not perfect, but I want to live with purpose. I want everything You've planned for me to come true.

I ask that, just as You did with David, You guide my life according to Your purpose. Let only Your perfect plans be fulfilled in me.

Help me so that through my testimony, as a strong and faithful Pathfinder, I can lead others to the feet of Jesus.

And when You appear in the clouds of heaven, may I live with You forever.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Savior.

Amen.



## SERMON

# 2 GOD CALLED ME WITH A PURPOSE

**Key Verse (NIV):** “The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, Lord, endures forever—do not abandon the works of your hands.” — Psalm 138:8

## Introduction

Happy Sabbath, church! What a joy it is to be here with all of you celebrating Pathfinder Day!

Did you know that you’re not here by accident? God has a special purpose for your life! You may not see it yet, but He is already preparing it. Today we’re going to talk about a young person just like us—his name was David. He was the youngest in his family, spent time tending sheep, and loved being close to God. And even though it seemed no one was paying attention to him... God noticed.

Let’s learn three things about David that show us how God works with purpose:

## 1. God Doesn’t See What Others See

When the prophet Samuel went to Jesse’s house to find the next king, Jesse introduced him to his tall, strong sons. But God didn’t choose any of them.

“People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” — 1 Samuel 16:7

David wasn’t famous or important—he was just a young shepherd. But his heart was sincere. He loved God deeply. And that’s what caught God’s attention.

Have you ever been left out of a team or told you weren’t good enough? Maybe someone thought you were too small, too quiet, or not popular enough? Don’t worry—God sees you. He sees your heart, your prayers, and your effort. That’s what matters most.

## 2. Purpose Begins in Secret

David didn’t begin by fighting giants. His story started in quiet places—playing his harp, singing psalms, and protecting his sheep. He learned to fight off lions and bears to guard his flock.

“Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear...” — 1 Samuel 17:36

### That was secret training.

And what about you? Are you praying in your room? Are you doing the right thing when no one’s watching? Are you showing respect to your parents even when it’s hard?





These are silent battles—and they're shaping your character.

Pathfinders with purpose don't need applause or attention. They do what's right because they know God is watching.

### 3. God Fulfills His Purpose

After many tests and trials, David became king. But something even greater happened—from David's family came Jesus! All because David was faithful from a young age.

"The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me..."  
— Psalm 138:8

Pathfinders, God also wants to fulfill His purpose in your life. Maybe today you're just going to school, helping at home, or doing chores at your club. But if you're faithful—God will use you in incredible ways.

### Appeal

Do you want to be a Pathfinder with purpose like David?

Do you want to say to God:

"Here I am—use me"?

If that's your desire, stand up and come forward. Let's pray together.

### Closing Prayer

Dear God,

Thank You for loving me and for having a purpose for my life.

I want to be like David—faithful, brave, and obedient.

Help me overcome my giants and trust You with my future.

Fulfill Your purpose in me.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.



## SERMON

# 3 PATHFINDERS DON'T GIVE UP!

**Key Verse (NIV):** “The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, Lord, endures forever—do not abandon the works of your hands.” — Psalm 138:8

## Introduction

Happy Pathfinder Day!

Today we celebrate being part of a club that loves God and serves others!

Have you ever wanted to give up because something was too hard? Maybe it was a tough test, a friendship problem, or something that made you feel scared or overwhelmed.

Today we’re going to learn that Pathfinders with purpose don’t give up.

We’ll look at how David faced difficult moments and never gave up—because he trusted in God.

## 1. Pathfinders with Purpose Trust God

Do you remember Goliath? That massive giant who terrified all of Israel? Nobody wanted to face him—but David did. Why? Because he trusted God.

“You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty...” — 1 Samuel 17:45

David didn’t have a sword or armor. Just a sling, some stones, and a whole lot of faith.

He knew his strength came from God. You can face your “giants” too—fear, temptation, peer pressure, sadness...

But with God by your side, you will overcome.

## 2. Even with Purpose, There Are Trials

After David defeated Goliath, did he become king right away? No!

Saul became jealous and hunted him. David had to hide in caves, face betrayal, and go hungry. But he didn’t give up—because he knew God’s purpose was still alive in him.

You might be going through a hard time right now. That doesn’t mean God has forgotten you. He’s still working in your heart and preparing you for something greater.

## 3. Pathfinders Respect God and Others

One day, David had the chance to get revenge on Saul. He could have hurt





him—but he didn't. He said:

"This day you have seen with your own eyes how the Lord delivered you into my hands... but I did not kill you." — 1 Samuel 24:10

David respected Saul because he respected God's authority.

We must do the same—respect our pastors, leaders, parents, and teachers. Even if we don't always agree, we still honor them.

Being a Pathfinder with purpose means doing what's right, even when it's hard.

#### 4. Jesus: The Greatest Pathfinder

From David's family came Jesus—the ultimate example.

Jesus was brave, faithful, and obedient. He defeated sin and one day, He will return for us.

And guess what? Jesus has a purpose for YOU too.

You can be a strong and faithful Pathfinder—with your compass always pointing to Jesus.

#### Appeal

Do you want to be like David—and like Jesus?

Do you want to say:

"Lord, no matter how hard it gets, I want to follow You"?

If that's your decision, stand and come forward. Let's pray together.

#### Closing Prayer

Lord,

Thank You for creating me with a purpose.

Sometimes I feel weak, but I know You give me strength.

*Help me not to give up.*

*I want to trust You, respect others, and follow Your path.*

*Let Your will be done in my life.*

*In Jesus' name,  
Amen.*



"I AM A STRONG, FAITHFUL PATHFINDER  
A SERVANT OF GOD I AM..."

**I will go**

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# PATHFINDER WITH A PURPOSE

**Key Text: Daniel 1:8**



## Introduction

Former NFL player Tim Tebow became famous not only for his skills on the field but for something much braver: he promised to remain a virgin until marriage. In a world that mocks such decisions, he stood firm in his commitment to God.

Recently, Tim married South African model Demi-Leigh Nel-Peters, Miss Universe 2017. On his social media, Tebow shared a photo with her with just one word: “Forever.” It was a simple but powerful message. It wasn’t an easy path. In the past, he even dated

another Miss Universe, who ended the relationship because she didn’t share his decision to wait until marriage. Tebow remained firm, despite the pressure and criticism.

Today, years later, Tebow enjoys a blessed marriage and a story that shows its worth honoring God. His faithfulness was tested, but God rewarded him with something much greater than a sports title: a full life and a home built on His principles.

In April 2024, Tebow wrote something that perfectly summarizes this conviction:

“I believe each of us has a mission. What does ‘mission’ mean? Mission means a task or a job that is given to someone to do, but its origin means to be sent... I believe each of us has been sent here for a reason. It doesn’t matter if we feel well equipped, or if we feel too young or too old. If you have breath, you have purpose, then, you have a mission.”

Young people, faithfulness brings eternal rewards. The world may not understand it; you may face mockery or rejection, but if you remain firm, you will discover that it is always worth while to wait and trust in God. And as long as you have breath, remember: you have purpose and you have a mission!

And this brings us to an inevitable question: How can we live faithfully in a world that constantly puts pressure on us to give up? The book of Daniel not only answers that question—it challenges us to make a decision today.



Daniel lived in a hostile culture that tried to change his identity, impose values contrary to his faith, and mold him into its system. However, he chose to remain steadfast and faithful to God. Daniel is not just a character from the past; he is a living example of endurance, spiritual intelligence, and purpose. His story teaches us that to conquer in this world is not about accumulating power or recognition but about remaining faithful to the divine calling in the midst of a system that seeks to reshape who you are.

Maybe today you feel that being a Christian at your school, on social media, or with your friends isn't easy. Daniel felt that too. And in his story, we discover the path to staying firm when everything around us pressures us to give in.

## Development

### 1. Fearless Daniel

What do you do when you're in a position of inferiority, where everything you love is at risk, and those in power are trying to subdue you?

Augustine of Hippo, in his work *The City of God*, quotes Seneca when speaking of how the Jews preserved their customs even under Roman rule:

*"The ways of those terrible people have taken increasingly deeper roots and are spreading throughout the world. They have imposed their customs on their conquerors."*

A conquered man who conquers. What irony—and what a challenge! That same statement could be applied to Daniel.

He was taken captive, uprooted from his culture, renamed with a pagan name, and placed in a system designed to annihilate his faith. Yet he resisted.

Babylon wanted to change everything: their culture, their education, and, as a first step, their names. Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were renamed Belteshazzar, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Their original names contained direct references to the true God:

- Daniel means "God is my Judge."
- Mishael means "Who is like God?"
- Hananiah means "The Lord is merciful."
- Azariah means "The Lord is my helper."

These names reminded them of their heritage and challenged them to remain faithful. Babylon tried to erase their identity by changing their names to references to the pagan gods Aku and Nego. But although their names were changed, they were unable to change their hearts. They remained faithful to the true God of Israel, as the story shows. Interestingly, Daniel and his friends did not protest the change of name. What they did reject was the food that was offered to them. This challenge seemed small, but in reality, it involved great risk. Some of the implications of this challenge were:

1. To reject the royal diet could be seen as an insult and disobedience to King Nebuchadnezzar.
2. The social pressure was strong: everyone else was doing it.
3. To jeopardize their advancement in the royal court.
4. To resist the temptation to eat the "best food" in the empire.
5. Being far from their homeland: no one would know if they were faithful—except God.
6. Wrestling with the apparent injustice: "If God didn't protect us from captivity, why obey Him?"

Daniel didn't protest when they changed

his name, but he did when they tried to change his heart. Despite all that rejecting the king's food implied, Daniel remained faithful. Look at what the Bible says:

"But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore, he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself." (Daniel 1:8, NKJV)

Being bold is not about shouting louder—it's about choosing God, even if you stand alone.

## 2. Daniel the Wise Man

Arguing is easy; reasoning with grace is complex. Daniel was not only intelligent—he was wise. The Bible says that God gave him grace and favor in the sight of the chief of the officials:

"Now God had brought Daniel into the favor and goodwill of the chief of the eunuchs." (Daniel 1:9, NKJV)

That "grace" was not just human sympathy; it was something more profound.

It relates to the very character of God described in Exodus 34:6-7: mercy, faithfulness, and compassion. In other words, Daniel reflected the heart of God even in the midst of Babylon.

Now, recalling the process, it is important to note that regarding his education and his new name, little could be expected of him. The narrative here emphasizes Daniel's wisdom in knowing exactly where to focus his resistance.

Daniel is presented here as a model of faithful testimony in the appeal of his life, the grace of his resistance, and the way his behavior evoked the favor and sympathy of the official and the agreement of the guard. Through his vegetarian

diet, Daniel and his companions flourished physically. By implication, this was also the work of God. Human resources provide meals, but only God provides physical sustenance. The ten-day test became a permanent menu. God not only blessed Daniel with knowledge but also with grace in the eyes of others. Daniel's wisdom was relational: he knew when to speak, how to negotiate, and how to find peaceful solutions without compromising principles.

Daniel knew how to discern:

- When to speak.
- How to negotiate.
- Where to draw the line without compromising his principles.

As we have seen, Daniel was not only brave but also wise. He knew when to speak and how to do it. Sometimes we think that being faithful means fighting with everyone; Daniel teaches us that you can be firm and respectful at the same time. He knew which battles to fight and which to let go, and that is a great lesson for us.

## 3. Daniel the Beloved

Faithfulness to God is always rewarded one way or another. The instruction that Daniel and his three friends received was also a test of faith for them. At the university in Babylon, astrology, superstition, and politics were taught, but Daniel learned to separate what was useful from what was destructive.

We are not told how Daniel and his friends avoided all conflicts, because surely they faced great challenges just as you do, but despite the corrupting







influences, they remained faithful to the faith of their parents, as we can clearly see from later evidence of their loyalty. The four young men learned the skills and sciences of the Chaldeans without adopting the pagan elements mixed within them.

“The Lord was pleased with the course Daniel followed. He was greatly loved and honored by heaven; and the God of wisdom gave him skill in the science of the Chaldeans, and understanding in all visions and dreams. If the students attending our schools were firm and maintained integrity, if they did not associate with those who walk in the paths of sin, nor allow themselves to be enchanted by their company, like Daniel, they would enjoy the favor of God. If they discarded useless amusements and the indulgence of appetite, their minds would be clear for the pursuit of knowledge. In this way, they would gain a moral power that would allow them to remain steadfast when assailed by temptation. It is a continuous struggle to always be alert to resist evil; but it is worth winning victory after victory over self and the powers of darkness. And if young people are tested again and again, as Daniel was, what honor can they reflect to God by their firm adherence to what is right? An immaculate character is as precious as the gold of Ophir.

Without pure and spotless virtue, no one can rise to any honorable eminence. But noble aspirations and love for justice are not inherited. Character cannot be bought; it must be formed by severe efforts to resist temptation. The formation of a correct character is the work of

a lifetime and is the result of prayerful meditation united with a great purpose. The excellence of character you possess must be the result of your own effort. Friends may encourage you, but they cannot do the work for you. Wishing, sighing, dreaming will never make you great or good. You must climb. Gird up the loins of your mind and get to work with all the strength of your will. It is the wise use of your opportunities, the cultivation of the talents God has given you, that will make you men and women who can be approved by God, and a blessing to society. Let your standard be high, and with indomitable energy, make the most of your talents and opportunities, and press on to the end.”

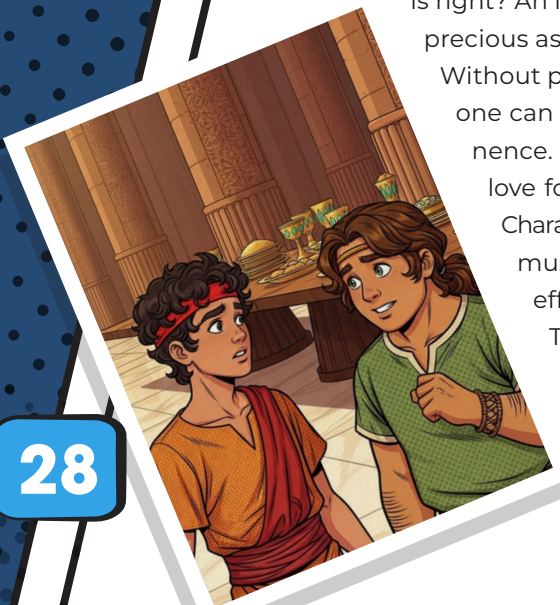
Ellen White presents us with a countercultural challenge: “Character is not automatic, borrowed, or imposed; it is forged through deliberate effort, in communion with God and with a firm purpose.”

Daniel’s faithfulness made him someone deeply loved by God. God did not deliver him from trials, but He sustained him through them. Being loved by God does not mean having an easy life, but a life with eternal purpose. Daniel’s faithfulness led him to something much greater than a title: it led him to become a friend of God.

## Conclusión

Today we have learned three wonderful lessons that can make us Pathfinders in purpose:

- Daniel was bold in the face of pressure. When everything around him demanded that he yield, he chose to remain steadfast in his convictions,





reminding us that courage is shown in the most difficult moments.

- Daniel was wise in discerning which battles to fight. He did not fight over everything, but intelligently chose where to stand firm and when to remain silent. His discernment led him to honor God in every decision.
- Daniel was loved for his faithfulness. His love and loyalty to God did not free him from trials, but sustained him through them, leading him to experience a deep relationship: not only to be a servant of God, but a friend of His.



### “Illustration: ‘The slowest Olympic swimmer in history’”

Have you ever felt small facing a great challenge? Have you ever wondered what your purpose is in this world? Let me tell you the true story of a young man like you. His name is Eric Moussambani, and in the year 2000, he became one of the most famous Olympic swimmers in the world—but not for his speed.

Eric was a young man from Equatorial Guinea who barely knew how to swim. He had only 8 months of practice, training in a 12-meter hotel pool three times a week, and yet he was selected to represent his country at the Sydney Olympics! On the day of the competition, the other two swimmers in his heat were disqualified for false starts. So Eric had to swim alone in front of 14,000 people watching, not





understanding what was happening. His style was clumsy, and it seemed like he might drown. He swam the slowest 100 meters in Olympic history: 1 minute and 52 seconds—more than double the time of any other competitor!

But here's the incredible part: when it seemed like he wouldn't make it, the crowd began to cheer him on. They shouted, clapped, and pushed him forward with their voices. Eric reached the finish line, and although he was the slowest, he became a hero.

Why do I tell you this? Because Eric Moussambani's story reminds us that purpose is more important than speed. Eric inspired millions—not by winning, but by daring to run his race.



## Challenge

We live in a new Babylon: a culture that tries to change our identity and silence our faith. But God calls us today to be Pathfinders with a purpose.

The Bible tells us:

- “Be strong and of good courage;” (Joshua 1:9).
- “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God,” (James 1:5).
- “I have loved you with an everlasting love;” (Jeremiah 31:3).

## Call

E. G. White wrote:

“The greatest want of the world is the want of men—men who will not be bought or sold, men who in their inmost souls are true and honest, men who do not fear to call sin by its right name, men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall.”

Where are those faithful Pathfinders of the 21st century? Today is your moment to step forward and decide, as Daniel did: “I will set my heart not to defile myself.” You will not do it out of legalism or pride, but because you know God has an eternal purpose for your life—and you have decided to embrace it with all your heart.



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