

**“CREATED TO BECOME LIKE CHRIST”**  
(40 Days of Purpose)

**Introduction:**

Romans 8:29 (LB) “From the very beginning God decided that those who came to Him ...and He knew how would.... should become like His Son...”

- God does not want you to be a \_\_\_\_\_.
- God does want you to be \_\_\_\_\_.

Ephesians 4:15 (The Message) “God wants us to grow up ... like Christ in everything.”

- A lot of people grow \_\_\_\_\_ but never grow \_\_\_\_\_!
- Two ways God helps me to become like Christ
  1. God's \_\_\_\_\_
  2. God's \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 8:28 (NIV) “In all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purposes.”

**THREE UNEXPECTED TOOLS USED BY GOD**

**1. GOD USES T \_\_\_\_\_ TO TEACH US TO T \_\_\_\_\_ HIM.**

Romans 5:3-4 (NEV) “... troubles produce patience. And patience produces character, and character produces hope.”

- God is more interested in your \_\_\_\_\_ than your \_\_\_\_\_.

Mark 14:32-34 (TEV) “They came to a garden called Gethsemane and Jesus said to His disciples, ‘Sit here while I pray.’... Distress and anguish came over Him and He said, ‘The sorrow in My heart is so great that it almost crushes Me.’”

Mark 14:36 (NLT) “Father,” He replied, “everything is possible for You. Please take this cup of suffering away from Me. Yet I want Your will, not Mine.”

- To become like Christ, you must trust God \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. GOD USES T \_\_\_\_\_ TO TEACH US TO O \_\_\_\_\_ HIM**

Matthew 4:10 (LB) “Get out of here, Satan” Jesus told him. “The Scriptures say Worship only the Lord God. Obey only Him.”

- Temptations always test your \_\_\_\_\_.
- Two helps
  1. Keep focused on \_\_\_\_\_.

Philippians 4:8 (LB) “Fix your thought on what is true and good and right.”

2. Get a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (CEV) “You are better off to have a friend than to be all alone... If your fall, your friend can help you up.”

**3. GOD USES T \_\_\_\_\_ TO TEACH US TO  
F \_\_\_\_\_ OTHERS**

Matthew 27: 39-44 (TEV) “People passing by shook their heads and hurled insults at Jesus... and the elders made fun of Him.. Even the bandits who had been crucified with Him insulted Him in the same way.”

Luke 23:34 (NLT) "Jesus said, 'Father, forgive these people, because they don't know what they are doing.'"

- To make us like Jesus - bearing \_\_\_\_\_ without retaliation.
- Jesus yielded His right to get \_\_\_\_\_.
- Two tips
  1. Remember God has \_\_\_\_\_ me.

Ephesians 4:32 (CEV) "Forgive others, just as God forgave you because of Christ."

2. Remember God is \_\_\_\_\_.

Genesis 50:20 (NCV) "You meant to hurt me but God turned evil into good to save the lives of many people, which is being done."

**CONCLUSION:** To Become Like Christ

1. \_\_\_\_\_ God completely
2. \_\_\_\_\_ God completely
3. \_\_\_\_\_ others completely