

TEACHINGS AS I GO PART 1

God Designed You, Placed You, and Gave You a Purpose

Key Thought

Just as every floor tile has a specific place and purpose, every believer has a specific place and purpose in the Body of Christ.

1. GOD CAN TEACH US THROUGH ORDINARY THINGS

This teaching began in an unexpected place—a mall.

While walking through the mall, I was looking for something unusual or difficult to teach from. Then I noticed something that was right beneath my feet:

The floor.

As I looked at the floor tiles, I began to notice things I had never really considered before.

Each tile:

- Had its own place.
- Had been placed there by someone with authority.
- Had a purpose.
- Was one piece of a much larger picture.
- Did its job without competing with the other tiles.
- Worked in harmony with the other tiles.
- Experienced wear and tear but continued doing what it was designed to do.

And then the spiritual revelation came:

Could this floor tile teach us something about our place in God's kingdom?

2. GOD HAS A PLACE FOR YOU

The tile did not choose where it would be placed.

Someone with authority placed it there.

The same principle applies spiritually.

1 Corinthians 12:18 NKJV

“But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased.”

God has **set** each member in the Body of Christ.

You are not an accident.

You are not an unnecessary piece.

You are not without purpose.

God has placed you.

The question is not simply:

“Where do I want to be?”

The better question is:

“Where has God placed me, and what does He want me to do there?”

3. YOU HAVE A PURPOSE

Every tile had a purpose.

Likewise, every member of the Body of Christ has a purpose.

Romans 8:28 reminds us that God works for good with those who love Him and are called according to His purpose.

Ephesians 1:5 speaks of God's pleasure and purpose in making us His children.

Jeremiah 29:11 reminds us that God has plans, thoughts, intentions, and purpose concerning us.

Your purpose should become God's purpose.

Proverbs 19:21 says:

“Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will be established.”

We need to be careful that **our plans do not interfere with God's design.**

4. GOD IS THE DESIGNER, BUILDER, AND MAKER

God did not merely place you somewhere randomly.

He designed you.

Hebrews 3:4 says:

“For every house is built by some one, but the builder of all things is God.”

Hebrews 11:10 describes God as the **Architect and Builder.**

Think about a racecar designer.

The designer determines:

- What the car will look like.
- How it will function.
- What parts it needs.
- Where each part belongs.
- What the finished product is intended to accomplish.

God is infinitely greater than any human designer.

He designed your life.

And He knows where you belong.

5. DON'T ARGUE WITH THE DESIGNER

The floor tile never said:

“Why did you make me this shape?”

It never complained:

“Why am I this color?”

It never said:

“I want to be somewhere else.”

Isaiah 45:9 gives us a powerful picture:

“Woe to him who strives with his Maker...”

Isaiah 64:8 says:

“Yet, O LORD, thou art our Father; we are the clay, and thou art our potter; we are all the work of thy hand.”

Jeremiah 18:1–6 gives us the picture of the potter working with clay. When the vessel needed reworking, the potter worked with it and reshaped it.

Therefore:

Be thankful for how God made you.

Accept where He has placed you.

Allow Him to rework the areas of your life that need changing.

6. EVERY PIECE IS IMPORTANT TO THE WHOLE

One tile is only one tile.

But many tiles together make a floor.

Likewise, you are one member of the Body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:12

“For just as the body is one and has many members... so it is with Christ.”

One member cannot become the entire Body.

And one member should not despise another member.

1 Corinthians 12:21

“And the eye is not able to say to the hand, I have no need of you...”

We need one another.

Your purpose is important.

Their purpose is important.

God's design includes all of us working together.

7. DO YOUR JOB

The tile did not try to do another tile's job.

It simply did what it was designed to do.

We need to do the same.

2 Timothy 4:5

“Do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry.”

Your ministry may involve:

- Your home
- Your workplace
- Your church
- Your school
- Your community
- Your city
- Your state
- Your country
- The world

The question is:

What is your job?

Your spiritual gift can help you understand what God has equipped you to do.

Romans 12:4–8 and 1 Peter 4:10 remind us that believers have different gifts and responsibilities.

Don't spend your life trying to be somebody else's tile.

Be the tile God designed you to be.

8. BE DEAD TO COMPLAINING

There was something interesting about those floor tiles:

They did not complain.

Of course, a tile cannot speak.

But spiritually, there is a lesson here.

Paul said:

1 Corinthians 15:31

“I die every day!”

Romans 6 teaches us about being dead to sin.

We can apply that principle to our attitude:

We should be dead to complaining.

Instead of continually asking:

“Why am I here?”

“Why isn't my life different?”

“Why did God put me here?”

We can ask:

“Father, what do You want me to accomplish where You have placed me?”

9. BE DEAD TO STRIFE

The tiles also worked together in harmony.

I didn't see one tile fighting another tile.

Romans 12:16 says:

“Live in harmony with one another...”

Romans 15:5–6 speaks about living in harmony with one another so that together we may glorify God.

Think about the floor.

Every tile is different, yet together they create something useful and beautiful.

The Body of Christ should work the same way.

Our differences should not automatically produce division.

Our differences can contribute to God's design.

10. EXPECT SOME WEAR AND TEAR

The tile I observed was walked on every day.

It experienced:

- Weight
- Marks
- Spills
- Dirt
- Damage
- Things placed over it
- People who did not appreciate how it looked

Yet it remained in its place.

What a picture of endurance!

Jesus suffered.

We will experience suffering.

1 Peter 1:6–7 teaches that trials test and strengthen genuine faith.

1 Peter 4:19 tells those who suffer according to God's will to continue doing what is right and entrust themselves to a faithful Creator.

The lesson:

Wear and tear does not mean you have lost your purpose.

You may be tired.

You may have been hurt.

You may have experienced difficult circumstances.

But don't automatically conclude:

“I'm finished.”

You may simply be experiencing the wear and tear that comes with faithfully fulfilling your purpose.

11. DON'T GROW WEARY

Galatians 6:9 says:

“And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart.”

Paul said in 2 Corinthians 4:16:

“So we do not lose heart.”

Our outward circumstances may be wearing us down, but God can continue renewing us inwardly.

Keep going.

Keep believing.

Keep serving.

Keep doing what God has called you to do.

12. ENDURANCE IS PART OF THE ASSIGNMENT

Paul said:

2 Timothy 4:7

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”

That is the goal.

Not simply to **start**.

Not simply to **look good**.

But to **finish**.

The tile continued serving its purpose despite the wear and tear.

We must endure and continue forward for Jesus.

13. FOUR CHARACTER QUALITIES REVEALED

As I continued observing the tiles, several character qualities came to mind. Teachings As I Go
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1. ALERTNESS vs. UNAWARENESS

“Being aware of that which is taking place around me so that I can have the right responses to them.” (IBLP)

Mark 14:38

We need to pay attention to what God is showing us.

2. CONTENTMENT vs. COVETOUSNESS

“Realizing that God has provided everything I need for my present happiness.” (IBLP)

1 Timothy 6:8

The tiles appeared content with where they had been placed.

Likewise, we need to learn to trust God where He has placed us.

3. PATIENCE vs. RESTLESSNESS

“Accepting a difficult situation allowed by God without giving Him a deadline to remove it.” (IBLP)

Romans 5:3–4; Romans 8:25; James 1:2–4

The tiles were not in a hurry.

Sometimes God is working in us while we are waiting for Him to change our circumstances.

4. ENDURANCE vs. GIVING UP

“The inward strength to withstand stress to accomplish God's best.” (IBLP)

Galatians 6:9

Endurance means:

I will continue to do what God has called me to do.

14. BECOME A SPIRITUAL JANITOR

The final observation was especially practical.

A floor needs someone to maintain it.

Janitors:

- Remove things that don't belong.
- Replace damaged tiles.
- Clean.
- Maintain safety.
- Keep the environment in good condition.
- Help preserve the beauty of the floor.

The same principle applies to our spiritual lives.

We should become spiritual janitors.

We need to:

Take responsibility.

Scrape away things that don't belong.

Replace areas that have become damaged.

Keep our lives clean through repentance.

Maintain a safe spiritual environment.

Provide what we need spiritually.

Make our lives beautiful to glorify the Father.

Maintain a sound mind.

THE BIG REVELATION

What began as simply looking at a floor tile became a revelation about our lives.

The “tile” reminded me:

I have a place.

I have a purpose.

I belong to something bigger than myself.

I need the other members.

I need to do my job.

I need to avoid complaining and strife.

I need to endure hardship.

I need patience and contentment.

I need to maintain my spiritual life.

And most importantly:

GOD DESIGNED ME, BUILT ME, PLACED ME, AND GAVE ME A PURPOSE.

And what is that purpose?

TO WIN!!!

The teaching concludes with this four-part summary: God has **designed us, built/made/formed/fashioned us, placed us, and given us a purpose—to win.**

Closing Question

If God has designed you, placed you, and given you a purpose, are you willing to remain where He has placed you, do what He has called you to do, endure the wear and tear, and work in harmony with the rest of the Body of Christ?

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The tile was walked on every day, experienced wear and tear, but continued to do what it was designed to do.

"In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials." 1 Peter 1:6-7

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Alertness
(Mark 14:38)



Contentment
(1 Timothy 6:8)



Patience
(Romans 5:3-4)



Endurance
(Galatians 6:9)

14 BECOME A SPIRITUAL JANITOR



- Remove what doesn't belong
- Clean and maintain
- Replace damaged areas
- Keep your life spiritually clean
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