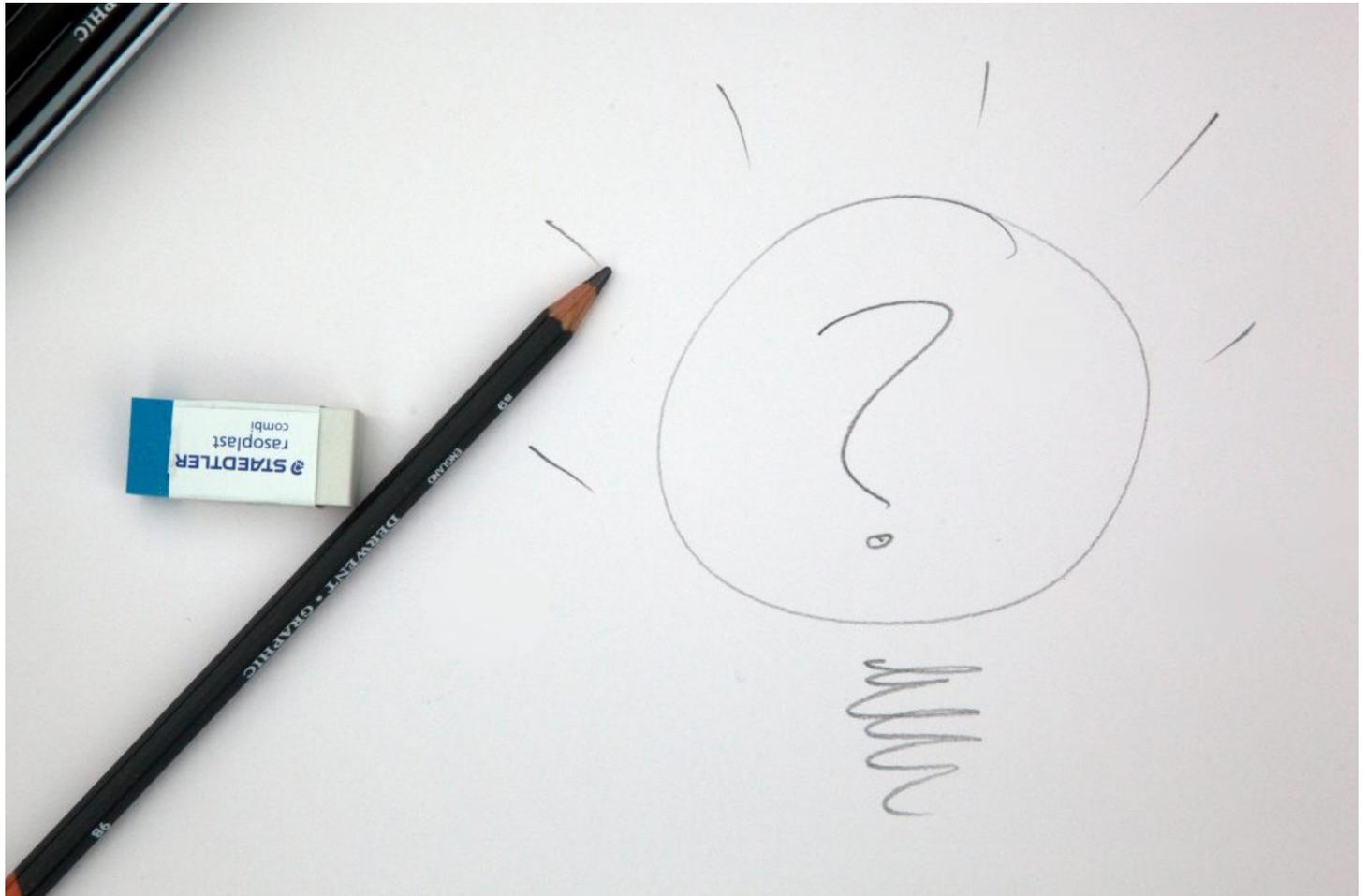


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Finding Purpose In A Pandemic

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During our fortnightly youth bible study meet ups at the moment we are following Rick Warrens well known forty-day devotional, 'A Purpose Driven Life'. In his writing, Rick aims to address the question that crosses most people's minds at some point or another, "what on earth am I here for?"

So far, it's generated some really interesting conversations. See, like me, for many of you the ongoing pandemic situation may have led to a sense of everything being cancelled or on hold.

Particularly during lockdown measures it's amazing how many evenings or weekends have felt like an exercise in killing time.

Revisiting this book with the youth has been a really timely challenge for me to consider that now, perhaps more than ever, we have a unique and urgent opportunity to be living out our God-given purpose.

See, nothing about our life and circumstances we face is an accident. In fact, the Bible tells us that we were knitted together by God in our mother's womb and that God saw us before we were even born. Even more startling is that fact that every day of our life is recorded in God's book. Every moment was laid out

before a single day had passed (Psalm 139). Every day. Every moment. As an expectant mother, I find this biblical truth particularly profound.

Rick Warren also talks about the main barriers to people living out their God-given purpose, and one of those is fear. There's certainly lots of that around at the moment - I've certainly felt it myself.

However, the great news is that as Christians who trust in the Lord we can be "Like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they go right on producing delicious fruit" (Jeremiah 17:7-8). As believers, we are in possession of the most important truth that so many people around us are desperately crying out for - people facing uncertainty, financial hardship, death, loneliness, hopelessness and many more very real and very hard realities.

What better time is there for us to be sharing the greatest news - that there is a saviour, a firm foundation and therefore a way of living without fear because we have the joyful hope of eternity, as well as a relationship with God who can provide for our every need? Sharing this so that they can too have the comfort of knowing that there will be a day where "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away" (Revelation 21:4).

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