



DISCOVERING DESTINY

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Introduction

You guide me with your counsel, leading me to a glorious destiny. Psalm 73:24 New Living Translation (NLT)

Destiny: what is meant or planned to happen to you and your family in the future. Jonathan and Wynter Pitts, along with Alena, Kaitlyn, Olivia, and Camryn want to you discover your family's destiny.

So grab your Bible or use a Bible app online, and as you answer the following questions, keep in mind: What's God saying to you? What are you going to do about it?



Dinner Time

'My goal 3 nights a week is that we're at the table – it's a priority that we're together- it's a natural place to talk about the day" – Jonathan (1:09)

"I know that's the one time we can all be together to teach them respect, wisdom – it's the primary time we teach them about the Lord" – Wynter (1:35)

Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9

1. The Pitts value their family time – especially family dinner – to teach their children important values. Does your family have a set time to be together? If not, what steps can you take, if possible, to find time to be together? What values would you like to teach your child(ren)?

2. At dinner they said they talk about God. According to these verses in a) and b) why would it be important to know God?

a." *God is love. Whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in them.*" 1 John 4:16b
NRSV Look up verse 1 John 4:7-8;

b. Romans 8:28; Philippians 2:13; Colossians 1:10, Ephesians 2:10 (*Here's a hack: It is best to look the verses up in the printed Bible, but one can type in the verses (even abbreviated) in a Bible computer app like Bible Gateway or YouVersion and it will quickly pull up all the verses.*)

3. According to Deuteronomy 6:5, are we to talk about God? When? What are barriers to talking about God as a family? How could they be solved?

4. How can we get to know God more? The family uses 5 to 10-minute devotional books about God with verses and a story in today's time. What might be a good way for you and your family?



Peace and Joy

5. Wynter said, "I had moments where it was just tears. I can't do this. I don't know what I'm doing. I'm tired. I need help." List, in a few words, times in parenting that you might have felt overwhelmed and why? (If not tears, then maybe frustration.)

6. As mentioned by Wynter, what did she do to handle her situation? Write in your own words what she did and what you might do. "I had moment of laying that all down before God putting aside all the desires and things I thought I wanted to be doing. ...There was a sense of peace and contentment. It was a daily thing where I had to be intentional about praying for God to give me peace and give me contentment with today and not just going through the motions." – Wynter

7. As well, Jonathan talks of peace on a daily basis and joy. From this quote, how does he find it? "There have been so many challenges, in the world today from terrorism to disease, the peace and the joy that I have on a daily basis regardless of what is going on around me, I would not trade it for anything. When I think about not having a relationship with Jesus and not knowing where I am going to spend eternity and not knowing that God is on my side walking with me – to not have that is a scary place to be." –Jonathan

8. According to these verses, where is peace found? John 14:27; Acts 10:36; Romans 5:1; Romans 8:6; Philippians 4:6-7

9. According to these verses where is joy found? 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 15:10-12; Acts 2:28

10. Jonathan spoke about learning to be patient. What do these verses teach about patience? Proverbs 19:11; Proverbs 25:15; Ecclesiastes 7:8; Colossians 1:9-14; Col 3:12 (*You can look up more verses on patience by putting the word patience in the search bar of a Bible app or by looking the word patience up in the index at the back of your Bible.*) What are areas in your life and parenting you would like to ask God to give you more patience?



How Do I Know What to Do?

11. According to Proverbs 3:5-6 and Psalm 119:105, how do we know what God wants us to do?

Related Quotes:

“I made a decision to give Him my life and let him use my messy life- God you can have it” – Wynter (10:35).

“We had college loans...overhead...to go to one income – on a budget sheet I didn’t look like we could survive – but I knew it was right” – Jonathan (606).

I would say – getting to know Him and relationship with Him. Growing in love in Christ. Make that your priority and your focus. - Wynter

Then, leave all the details ...to Christ to let Him reveal them, because He already has that worked out. He is waiting for us to say, “yes” and to do it His way. – Wynter

FEAR of the LORD

12. Jonathan mentioned Wynter as a Proverbs 31 woman. From Proverbs 31:30

a) What might that mean?

b) Wynter mentioned Jonathan is “a man after God’s own heart” – Wynter (11:55).

Read Acts 13:22; What does it look like to have a heart after God?

Consider Micah 6:8 and Colossians 3:1-15 as well. What’s God saying to you?

13. Not in the video, but Jonathan has also said, “When I think of a chapter for a family Psalm 128 is like the staple:

Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,
who walks in his ways.

His wife will be like a fruitful vine

His children will be like olive plants
around his table.” - J (Ps 128:1,3)

If fear of the Lord does NOT mean knee-knocking, shaking in your boots afraid, but if fear of the Lord is to have an understanding and knowledge of who God is, so that we are in reverent awe of God and have a loving desire to do what he says. What does Psalm 128, Proverbs 31:30 and Proverbs 1:7 say is important for the family?

Think, personally, of what you would want fear of the Lord to mean to you and your family.

Your family's destiny begins with God's plans and purposes for you. From the verses earlier, it is shown that God does have a plan for you and your family. It is a plan that is good. It is love. It is endurance and patience. It is rescue from darkness. It is forgiveness. It is glorious in eternity. Please take a moment to reflect on what you've heard God say to you in this session about what your next steps are as a parent and jot them down below.

If you'd like to talk with God about your family, below is a sample prayer:

Father,

You say how joyful are those who listen to You – all who follow Your ways. Your purpose is for the home to flourish with love, peace, joy and patience that comes from You and from knowing and respecting who You are. You tell me that the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand with those who hate you, or join in with those who mock you, that those who delight in knowing you and walking with you, will be like a tree planted along the riverbank bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither and they will prosper in all they do. (Psalm 1:1-3) Help us to be who you created us to be, to be a family who has the courage to follow where you lead us.

In the Name of Jesus,

Amen



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