SERMON NOTES

Your Life Signature

A Month of Purpose · Part 3 of 4

Exodus 3:5 · Genesis 10:8–9, 11:4 · Micah 5:6 · Genesis 6:5, 9

BIG IDEA

Passion alone gives you success. Gift alone gives you usefulness. Burden alone gives you heartbreak. But when all three converge, you stop living fractured and start living whole. That convergence is your Life Signature, and it can be used to build a name for yourself, or to build for God and others.

The full outline for this message, scripture first: The Text, What It Means, The Challenge and Closing. Adapt it freely and add your own stories.

01 The Text

EXODUS 3:5

"Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

GENESIS 10:8–9 · MICAH 5:6

"He was the first on earth to be a mighty man. He was a mighty hunter before the LORD." Centuries later, Micah still calls his legacy "the land of Nimrod," wasted by the sword.

GENESIS 11:4

"Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower... let us make a name for ourselves."

GENESIS 6:5, 9

"Every intention of the thoughts of [mankind's] heart was only evil continually." Yet "Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God."

02 What It Means

Passion + Gift, no Burden looks good on paper but feels empty by Thursday afternoon: passion and gift alone can create success, but they cannot create meaning. Gift + Burden, no Passion is the parent who gives but never breathes; duty without joy eventually becomes exhaustion. Passion + Burden, no Gift is good intentions with no traction; you run out of ability long before you run out of

compassion, and the result is heartbreak. But when all three converge, something settles. You stop feeling pulled apart.

Here's the twist: convergence isn't automatically good. Nimrod had real strength converging in his life and used it to build a name for himself ("let us make a name for ourselves"), and it ended in scattering and rubble, a legacy Micah could still point to centuries later as ruin. Noah had the same kind of strength and used it to build an ark nobody else believed in, mocked for decades, until it became the vessel that carried life forward. Same raw materials. One built for himself. One built for others. Your Life Signature is the engraving on the handle of your shovel. It doesn't decide which direction you swing it. That choice is still yours to make.

03 The Challenge

Challenge: Ask honestly this week: as your passion, gift, and burden start to converge, whose name are you building for: your own, or God's and the people around you?

Encouragement: "Turn aside. Take off your sandals. Pay attention to the holy ground under your feet" (Exodus 3:5). The next step from here isn't higher. It's deeper.

04 Closing

> **Closing prayer:** Thank God that these three circles were never missing, only waiting to be recognized. Ask Him to let the convergence settle into every life represented in the room, and to make each person here a Noah rather than a Nimrod.

FOR YOUR GROUPS

Groups: the Part 3 group guide works through convergence and the Nimrod and Noah tension. Bulletin outline and quote graphics are on the Part 3 page.

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