

# The MAP



The journey, called **Focus Life Map**, provides a **map** towards our pre-ordained destiny. It gives us a sense of purpose, direction, and focus. Together, the **compass** and the **map** will help us find our way through life with intentionality and in accordance with God's purposes for our lives-- purposes that give our lives meaning and significance because they align with His plan He determined before we ever came to be.

**Description:** Many of us haven't got a clue about how God has wired us or what His purposes are for each of us. Would it surprise you to know that God's purposes for you were established before you were born, His unique and specific purposes for you? This journey is primarily for men who have completed Phase I and will help you live a focused life. Beginning with an all-out commitment to Him, a **focused life** is a life dedicated to exclusively carrying out God's unique purposes through it by identifying the focal issues which allow an increasing prioritization of life's activities around these issues

resulting in a satisfying life of being and doing.

These focal issues include ...

**Biblical Purpose (Why)** – addresses the *why* of our life and is a statement of *being*. It is a general statement of our plan that will lead to spiritual maturity.

**Life Purpose (What)** – God's preordained unique function for our life and service in accordance with His redemptive purposes,

**Committed Passion (Where)** – the sphere of influence to which He calls us to serve,

**Role Non-negotiables (When)** – the factors that must be present for our life purpose and committed passion to thrive,

**Unique Methodologies (How)** – operational principles (your toolbox) by which we serve closely aligned with personal giftedness (spiritual gifts, natural abilities, and acquired skills), and

**Ultimate Contribution (So What)** - the legacy you hope to live and leave in the lives of others when God calls you home.

These issues will be summarized in a **Personal Life Mandate (PLM)**, the trajectory to which we should direct our lives. The PLM helps a follower of Christ focus their ministry and service to the kingdom. It provides direction without determining destination. God wants us to engage the journey and leave the destination to Him. When we operate within our God-inspired trajectory we live a life of meaning and significance. Our lives move from 'shotgun' to 'laser beam.'

In Phase II the purpose for our time together is simply this: to gain a biblically informed perspective of our past, to bring clear focus to God's design for our life and then to implement a plan to intentionally and proactively fulfill our discovered destiny. This purpose will be realized when the following objectives have been met.

## Objectives

To examine our past for the purpose of constructing and analyzing a **Personal Time Line**. This process will help us answer the question, *where have I been?* The result will help us understand God's pattern of development in our lives.

To clarify our future through the development of a **Personal Mission Statement**. This process will help us answer the question, *where am I going?* The result will bring focus to our lives and give us a clear picture of a preferable future in accordance with God's purposes for us.

To develop a **Personal Life Mandate** containing the 6 focal elements described above (Biblical purpose, life purpose, committed passion, role characteristics, unique methodologies, and ultimate contribution).

The journey will normally take 9 months meeting every other week. Each participant will be required to complete assignments in advance of each meeting. Each meeting will include 1.5 to 2.0 hours of lecture and interaction and may be augmented by additional materials designed to illustrate the concepts more clearly and concisely.

Two primary workbooks will be utilized in addition to a Personal Life Mandate Worksheet – a collection resource containing the findings derived using the workbooks and instruments.

## Texts:

**Starting Well** by Richard Clinton and Paul Leavenworth

**Living and Leading Well** by Richard Clinton and Paul Leavenworth

## **Workbook:**

### **Phase II – The Map Workbook**

This resource includes the two workbooks mentioned above, key articles on finishing well, and a Personal Life Mandate Workbook. The PLM workbook provides a framework for the gathering of various elements that will be used to develop a your unique PLM.

## **Instruments:**

These resources will provide immediate feedback regarding several components that will be included under Unique Methodologies (personal toolbox) section of your **Personal Life Mandate**.

*Spiritual Gifts Inventory*  
*StrengthsFinder® 2.0 Inventory*  
*Situational Leadership Instrument*  
*Personality Temperament Instrument and Matrix*  
*Emotional Intelligence 2.0 Inventory*  
*Core Values Assessment*  
*Aptitudes Assessment*  
*Acquired Skills Assessment*

## **Requirements:**

### **Completion of Phase I – The Compass Preferred**

It is hard to know your wiring (trajectory) if your heart has not first been aligned with and calibrated to God's heart.

### **Dedicated Commitment**

Personal growth through God's word. Spiritual empowerment through prayer. Integrity through accountability. Strategic focus through God's unique call.

### **Full Participation**

Discussion informed by active involvement in the resources. Completion of reading and exercise assignments. Constructive challenge of presuppositions and biases.

### **Honest Accountability**

A vulnerability to one another. A submission to the authority of the Holy Spirit. A desire for spiritual authenticity.

## **Resources:**

- 1) **Starting Well** by Richard Clinton and Paul Leavenworth
- 2) **Living and Leading Well** by Richard Clinton and Paul Leavenworth
- 3) **Phase II – The Map Workbook**

**End Product:** Personal Life Mandate

**Format:** Meet every two weeks for 1.5 to 2 hours

**Cost:** \$75/person includes all resources (books, workbook, instruments, and handouts)

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