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<u>Ephesians 2:10</u> - For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which **God prepared in advance for us to do**.

There is a **prepared purpose** ordained from God for your life.

Today, I want to talk to you about what to do when that **dream** or **prepared purpose** is challenged or dies.

<u>Proverbs 29:18</u> - Where there is no vision, dream or purpose, the people cast off restraint, control and movement and perish; but happy is he who keeps the law.

When our ability to hold on to our vision, purpose, or dream is impeded, we **cast off** restraint, control, movement, and **perish**.

<u>Luke 17:11-14</u> – ¹¹ As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. ¹² As he entered a village there, ten lepers stood at a distance, ¹³ crying out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ He looked at them and said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." And **as they went**, their leprosy was cleansed.

- As they went, they were healed. They started their journey leprous and ended it cleansed.
- Beginning is often the hardest part.
- What did it feel like when the first symptoms came, and what did it feel like when it was confirmed that they were leprous?
- They lived with those who shared their affliction.
- Jesus said, "Go to the priest," and commanded them to act upon His promise while in the throes of their hopeless condition.

My Dream Died

- We mistakenly think that if God has a plan for our lives, that it will go unchallenged.
- I wanted to quit.
- I thought, "How could my life ever be put back together?"

4 Things I Learned when my Dream Died

- 1. Don't let the sins and choices of another person direct your life and steal your hope.
- 2. Don't replace your dream with the short-term goal of stopping your pain.
- 3. When you are unjustly accused or slandered, don't retaliate.
- 4. Know that God is faithful and let your words, actions, and next steps be determined by His faithfulness.

God has been faithful beyond my wildest dreams.

He will be faithful to all who trust Him.