

# Imperfect Perfection

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Hmm...a bit of an oxymoron huh? Well guess what - that's exactly what we really are. **"Say what?"** I am guessing all of you reading this are thinking. Think about it, Christ (who is perfection itself) came to earth to save us all (an imperfect world). The word of God speaks of how we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, but that through the lamb's blood, we have been redeemed again in God's sight.

The other day I went to visit a good friend of mine, and before I left she handed me a book, that she told me I definitely had to read. Well, I love reading but I never really have the time to do so, except when I am on break from varsity. So, to be honest, as I took the book from her it was just to please her. As I read the book cover (just to get a sense of what the book was about), my interest was (without a doubt) perked. So, contrary to what I had thought (when I initially took the book) I began to read the book.

The name of the book is **"Captivating"**, written by John and Stasi Eldridge - and I believe that this is a book that every woman ought to read. It's about helping women understand the vision and purpose God had when He created us. It highlights the fact that when God created Eve - it was the embodiment of a very delicate and significant characteristic of who He is, and that is His beauty. Both

John and Stasi guide and illustrate in this book how this is so.

Now being a young lady myself, I know how tough it can be. Most of us struggle with our physical appearance (for the most part of our lives), and emotionally - finding peace and rest is like **"moving mountains"**, but entirely possible. Unfortunately, most of us go through life without knowing that there is a way to live an awesome and fulfilling life, and becoming all that we were created to be. As a result, we fail to fulfil that **"specific purpose"** that God created us for. I say this, because only through understanding how precious and capable we are, can we even begin to imagine the treasure within us, that is waiting to be unleashed to the world.

So, how do we even begin to grasp and live this out? How do we, as women begin to shred the lies that have **"defined"** our lives for so long, and start living out something so **"foreign"** to us? Well Christ says He came that we may have life - and have it more abundantly. This in itself is proof that we should not be living in bondage of a life that was never meant for us to live.

Now I know that it's no fun living a miserable and unfulfilling life. We desire to be happy, fulfilled, appreciated, and to live with purpose. That is exactly how God wants us to live our lives. The only way to do so - is to look to Him for redemption, for comfort and for acceptance, and everything else will follow. For His word says we should seek him and all else will follow.



Although I have concentrated on women, this does not exclude men. God also created man with a specific plan in mind. He did not create you to be a mediocre character without vision or purpose. God did not create you to settle for an unfulfilling life in which you are constantly discouraged. He did not create anyone to be disillusioned by the lies the enemy constantly berates us with, resulting in us going through life aimlessly.

There is hope for all of us. The answer lies in looking to Christ for all the answers to the questions we may have. We can do this by heeding to His word as guidance, for it says in Psalm 37:4 ***“Delight yourself in the Lord and He shall give you the desires of your heart”***.

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Christ came as perfection itself, into an imperfect world - and it was only to restore that which has been tainted into imperfection - us.