

*What on Earth Am I Here For?*  
**Called to Become**

**I. Introduction**

- A. We're called to be loved!
- B. We're called to belong!
- C. We're called to become like Christ!

**II. How Do I Become the Person God Has Called Me to Become?**

- A. Simplify my life!
  - 1. Hebrews 12:1 (NAS) *Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.*
  - 2. Nobody else can run your race!
  - 3. Whose race am I going to run in life?
- B. Don't get impatient or in a hurry!
  - 1. God's plan to make you the person He wants you to become is a lifetime plan.
  - 2. Spiritual maturity takes time!
  - 3. Hebrews 12:1 (NAS) *Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.*
- C. Spend time focusing on Jesus every day!
  - 1. A daily quiet time.
  - 2. Hebrews 12:2 (NAS) *Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*
- D. When it gets difficult, remember the reward!
  - 1. Hebrews 12:2-3 (NAS) <sup>2</sup> *Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.* <sup>3</sup> *For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*
  - 2. I Peter 5:10 (NAS) *After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.*
- E. Gather a team to run with me!

1. Hebrews 10:25 (NAS) *Not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.*

F. Remember God is cheering me on at every stage!

1. God smiles at you at every stage of your development.
2. You never become the person God wants you to become by being shamed.
3. Psalm 56:9b (NAS) *This I know, that God is for me.*

### **III. Conclusion**