

# The Mystery of Destiny

What is a coincidence?

Destiny is full of coincidences

- Destiny is not fate
- Coincidences tell us we are on the right track

What is destiny?

- God calls people into their destiny in many ways
  - Sometimes in very supernatural ways
  - God gives you direction along the way—like a road sign
  - You have to have faith
  - Sometimes you may get a prophetic word
- A prophetic word is the heart of God revealed to a person for the benefit of someone else
- It can provide you direction, encouragement or warning
- Most prophetic words are personal prophecy
- If you are looking for a sign, a good place to start is reading the Bible
- It will sensitize you to any other signs God might want to give you

Sometimes directions can be confusing

- Then we can be tempted to turn back, or think the directions were wrong
- Staying on the plan God has given you is not always a precise walk

The Clarity Cost Principle—the clearer the direction from God, the greater the cost

- The clearer the direction from God, the less room you have to deviate from His directions
- The cost may mean that what you used to get away with, you no longer can, or that what you used to be able to do, you no longer can

Whether or not you get to your destiny is up to you—but what greater joy is there than fulfilling the purpose that God created you for?

The mystery of destiny is that even before He created you, God had a plan that would use your gifts and abilities to the utmost

Dreams are messages from eternity

Power Encounters

- John Paul's light experience
- It reviewed his life with him and showed him where he was going

Why does God communicate with us in this way?

- We can become stubborn and set in our ways
- We can become independent like Saul of Tarsus
- Some of us need the blinding light of the Damascus Road to propel us to our destiny like Saul did
- God knows exactly what it will take to get our attention
- Some of us only need a little tap on the back; others need a bright and shining light
- If God put so much into making two snowflakes completely different, how much more would he put into your destiny?

No other person can do what you're called to do

- You were born at the very moment in time when you're gifts and attributes would be needed most
- You were born in the exact geographical place where you would have the greatest impact on those around you
- Just because God's way is perfect, it doesn't require you to be
- He'll never take back the blueprint He's created for your life