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Purpose, what is purpose, why do we have purpose, why do we need to have purpose, why do we feel we need to have purpose. What is the purpose of life, what is the purpose of my life, what is the purpose of me sitting here speaking to you, what is my purpose. Purpose... it can be anything we want it to be but yet we can never choose what it is, our whole lives we have been

drilled that we need to have a purpose. Whether it is the small things like the purpose of the essay you are writing in English or the big things such as finding the purpose of our lives, what purpose I want my life to have. And what makes it even worse is that purpose it's not always an easy thing to find. We could spend our whole life trying to find a purpose without even realising that the whole time we were looking for it, we already had a purpose of finding it in the first place. Purpose, what is purpose.

Is it the number of friends we have, the amount of money sitting in our bank account, the things we have done for other people, is it the decisions we choose for ourselves. Now, I know that the whole point of a last word is to give you guys an answer to this question but unfortunately... I have no idea, I have absolutely no clue what purpose is. The number of times I have laid in my bed wondering what purpose was would go on to an uncountable number, what was the purpose of my being here. So since I cannot answer this question, for my last word today, I have done some intense research from different perspectives to find out the big question... What is the purpose?

Justin Bieber, a Canadian singer songwriter who released his title song of his fourth album on the 13th of November 2015. For those of you who aren't Beliebers the song I am talking about is called 'purpose'. In the lyrics of the song he says his view on what purpose is... now just imagine me saying this the same low smooth voice and the beautiful piano bridge playing in the background... "you know, you're trying to be the best you can be but that's all you can do. If you don't give it all you got, you're only cheating yourself, give it all you got". So basically what my boy JB is saying, is that purpose is giving everything you do everything you got, to give yourself up, which sounds very fair to me and I do see where he is coming from but what about the other things in life that don't necessarily need you to give yourself up, doesn't that stuff have a purpose?

Bailey, the main character... well main dog from the famous heartthrob movie 'A Dog's Purpose'. Bailey is a dog who has also had five other names as he lives through different lives of a dog, trying to find his purpose. In the final scene of the film, as Bailey chases after his old toy across a green field, he concludes with the audience what he thinks the purpose is, "have fun, whenever possible find someone to save and save them. Lick the ones you love. Don't get all sad faced about what happened and scrunchy faced about what could, just be here now, be here now", now of course us as humans, our purpose isn't to go around and lick people, once again I agree with Bailey, purpose can be just making sure you are always living in the moment, being here. But how can we just be here, does none of what else we do have a purpose?

Rick Warren, a famous American Christian Pastor and the author of "The Purpose Driven Life". In a Ted video, I watched him talk with an audience about his book and he also shares with the audience his point of view on what purpose is. Now, I'm not gonna lie, when I watched the video and I found out he was a Pastor, I was kinda expecting him to go on about how the only purpose in life is to serve god or find ways to serve him. But as I kept watching I was surprised and interested by his view on what purpose is. An idea he brought up was how people felt that they only had purpose if they had something but then he then said how they couldn't understand that purpose as the thing they had didn't 'affect' them in the way that is should've. He says, "I have met a lot of people who are smart but ask 'why can't I figure out my own problems'", "I've met a lot of successful people who ask 'why don't I feel fulfilled?". He then goes on to tell a story from the Bible about Moses and his staff. Now he had 20 minutes to explain this story to us but I don't have that time. But what happens is that Moses sees God as a bush of fire and God asks him 'what's in your hand?' and Moses being a sheep farmer he says well this is a staff. But god turns around and says no Moses, it is so much more than that and then there's the whole story about how god takes his staff and turns it to a snake. Warren then goes on to tell the audience that when God asks Moses what's in his hand he's asking him who he is, what's his identity, what he does, what his influence is. But then Warren goes on to say, is that if 'what's in your hand' is who you are or what god has given to you, purpose is what you do with that, you turn that into. He thought he kept on asking, what are you gonna do with what you've been given, and that was what purpose was. This was really inspiring to me, that purpose is not who you are or what you can do... but rather what you do with who you are, but does that mean that who you are has no purpose?

So now I come back to my first question.. What is the purpose, I hate to tell you but unfortunately I can't tell you what it is. Even though I have spent the past couple of minutes sharing all these different ideas on what purpose is, although all of those ideas were correct they were also wrong... so Trinity just shut up and tell us what was

the purpose of you sitting here and talking to us about purpose even though you don't know what purpose is? Honestly if I knew I would tell you. So, what is the purpose... For the past seven years, I have always wondered how I would ever finish my last word if I ever had the chance to do one and sitting here right now, I still have no clue. So here goes, purpose is not who you are or what you do, it's not about how far you would go to give yourself up or give yourself up at all. It's not about living in this world, it's all of those things but at the same time, it's none of them. Purpose is everything about you, everything you do inside and outside of you. Purpose is you.