What's the Point...?

John 1:29-37

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John Testifies About Jesus

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

³² Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³ And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

One night as my wife and I laid in bed, I was just about to fall asleep, my wife's voice broke the silence as she asked, "What's the point?"

Even though I heard her, I said, "Pardon?"

She further clarified her question by asking again, "What's the point of everything we are doing, of our suffering, of living?"

I told her the phrase that I have come to live by, "For the Glory of the Lamb!" As silence and darkness were about to overcome me once again, my wife asked, "What does that mean?"

I explained to her, that Jesus was God and that the only way we can truly fufill our life is to live for Him. Reminding her that Jesus died for our sins, in the biggest expression of Love. That truly we can be only happy, when we work to glorify Him and His Name!

My wife then asked, "what is the purpose of life?"

The answer came from my lips, as I felt God's Spirit wash over me! "We are here to learn to love! Life is a challenge, a lesson on learning how to love. When we can feel happy, sad, angry, disappointed, annoyed, wronged, hungry, starving, and still feel love towards all those who effect us. Then that's the meaning of life! That Paul himself even wrote, that he has learned to be happy in all circumstances(Philippians 4:11). And Paul himself, was stoned, beaten, shipwrecked, abandoned by his friends, and faced many more heartaches than this. I am convinced that he was able be happy, because he learned what life was all about, and that he learned how to love!"

My wife was happy with my answer, and whispered ,"thankyou!"

I laid there, now wide awake with that question now rattling around in my head! What's the Point....?

I have been struggling lately with all the pain, with all the challenges, and the feelings of being stuck in life. How lately I have yelled at God, asking Him about all the suffering and pain.

I now realized that God had provided His answer to me, "For the Glory of the Lamb!"

When I help others when I really do not feel like doing it, "I bring Glory to Jesus!" When I just keep going, with all odds against me, it Glorifies God. When I talk with God, even when its to just complain, I glorify the Holy Spirit.

Revelation 5:12-13

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"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

When we can learn to love, even under the direct of circumstances. When we can love those who persecute us, when we can love those who hurt us, when we can love those who love us, we have learned of life's purpose! And by truly loving those around us, we will Glorify Jesus!

How have you glorified Jesus today...?

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¹² In a loud voice they were saying: