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**Surrender**

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**3 Realities about Knowing God’s Purposes for my Earthly Life:**

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- **Life is a trust.**  
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**How do I Glorify God and build Relationships with others?**

**1 Realize I was planned for God’s pleasure.**

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## Worship is:

- **Far more than just musical worship.**  
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