

Devotion...

Jot down a few thoughts... use the back too! Consider sharing something with someone near you.

You're probably familiar with the phrase "born to do," as in, "he/she was born to do that." Do you know anyone in your life, a friend or acquaintance or family member, who was "born to do" something? What about you... is there anything that you feel like you were "born to do"? Or to be?

Who is this person that's me?

- **Family of origin:** What was your family like? What do you most remember about growing up? What were relationships with your family members like? As you think about your family tree, what things come to mind, both good and bad?
- **Key relationships:** What people have had a major role in your development as a person, or follower of Jesus, or seeker of truth?
- **Key moments of growth:** What positive experiences have helped you develop into the person that you are today?
- **Key moments of brokenness:** What painful experiences have shaped you? How did these things change your life?
- **What makes you come alive:** What are the things in your life that fill you with excitement or purpose? What brings joy to your bones? What do you have to do because if you don't do it you'll be miserable?

Something more...

The Acts of the Apostles

That day about three thousand took him at his word, were baptized and were signed up. They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers.

Everyone around was in awe—all those wonders and signs done through the apostles! And all the believers lived in a wonderful harmony, holding everything in common. They sold whatever they owned and pooled their resources so that each person's need was met.

They followed a daily discipline of worship in the Temple followed by meals at home, every meal a celebration, exuberant and joyful, as they praised God. People in general liked what they saw. Every day their number grew as God added those who were saved.

Through the work of the apostles, many God-signs were set up among the people, many wonderful things done. They all met regularly and in remarkable harmony on the Temple porch named after Solomon. But even though people admired them a lot, outsiders were wary about joining them. On the other hand, those who put their trust in the Master were added right and left, men and women both. They even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on stretchers and bedrolls, hoping they would be touched by Peter's shadow when he walked by. They came from the villages surrounding Jerusalem, throngs of them, bringing the sick and bedeviled. And they all were healed.

(Acts 2:37, 41-47, 5:12-16)

To read:

Jesus Wants To Save Christians and Velvet Elvis by Rob Bell. www.amazon.com www.marshill.org

To think about:

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To do:

Practice the Prayer of Examen at least once this week.