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# Welcome to the Chazown Experience

Congratulations on your decision to discover your *chazown*! Did you know that decision already sets you apart? Most people stumble halfheartedly through life just existing, hoping tomorrow will be better than today. But you were made for so much more!

Before you were born, God knew you. He knew what He wanted your life to be like. He had a purpose in mind for you, even before you came to be. Discovering God’s vision and purpose for your life and designing a plan of action for that purpose is what the Chazown Experience is about.

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**Pastor Craig**



**Chazown**



**foldout**

## The Faces of Chazown

Five people who are living out their *chazowns* will guide you through the Chazown Experience. They'll share their experiences with you on video and offer tips in this guide to help you during each step of the process.



"I've lived through a miracle—God delivered my husband and me from the bondage of addiction! My chazown is to be a light to others lost in the darkness of addiction." **Rae Anne**



"I've been through some impossible situations. But all through them, I've seen God shape me into a leader. Now my chazown is to help others navigate their own tough situations and show them God's love on the other side." **Cedric**



"My past experiences, core values, and spiritual gifts, all point to one thing—God gave me the heart of a leader! My chazown is to pour into others so they can discover and live out their purpose." **Casey**



"Going through the Chazown Experience helped me be more purposeful with my time. Now I have the time to live out my chazown—leading my family to love God and live out our faith so others can see it." **Sherryl**



"Discovering my chazown helped me see where I'm going and what I need to chase after. My chazown is to know Jesus, make Him known, and equip other believers for ministry work." **Al**

# Session 1: Finding Your Chazown

In this session you'll learn what the Chazown Experience is about and how you'll begin to discover your *chazown*.



## Talk It Over

Spend a moment taking turns in your group, sharing your name and something about you.



As you watch Session 1 with Pastor Craig, you can follow along with these notes.

• Everyone ends up \_\_\_\_\_.

• Few people end up somewhere on \_\_\_\_\_.

*Where there is no vision, the people perish ... Proverbs 29:18 KJV*

• Chazown (pronounced khaw-ZONE) is a Hebrew word meaning a \_\_\_\_\_, revelation, or \_\_\_\_\_.

*"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:10 NIV*

*"No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. ... This command I received from my Father." John 10:18 NIV*

**The Three Circles**

• Your past \_\_\_\_\_

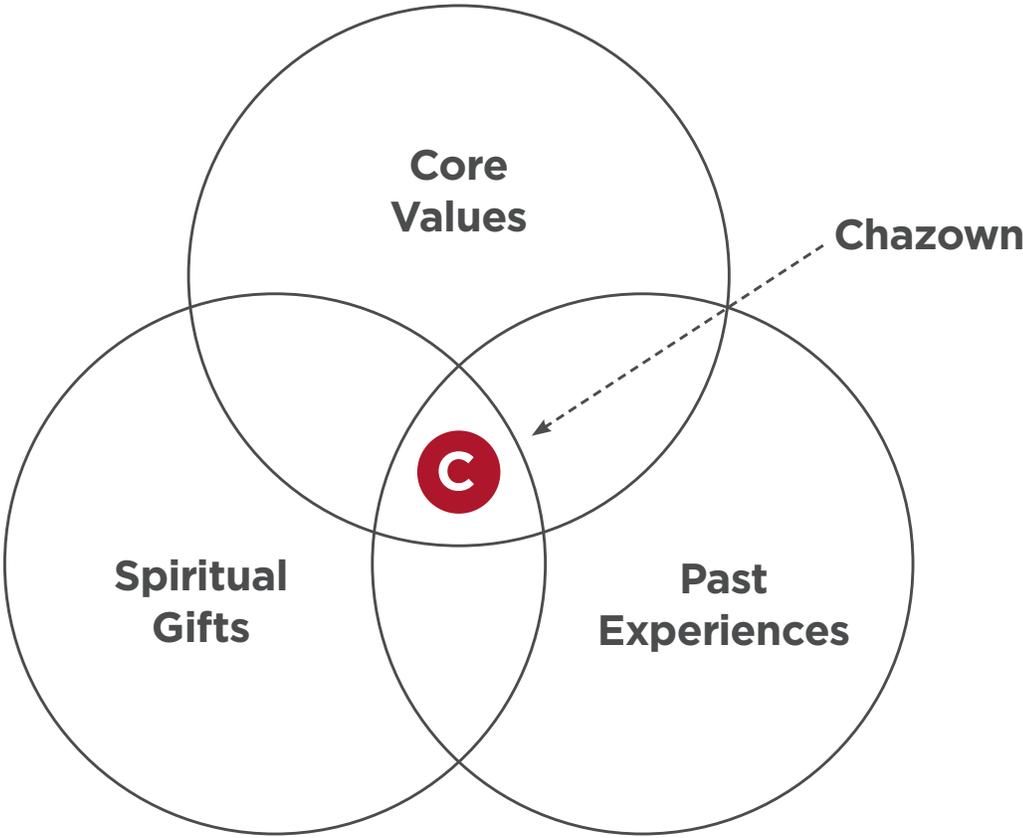
*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28 NIV*

• Your \_\_\_\_\_

*For we cannot oppose the truth, but must always stand for the truth. 2 Corinthians 13:8 NLT*

• Your spiritual \_\_\_\_\_

*We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. ... Romans 12:6 NIV*



## The Five Spokes

• Our \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_

*We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.* Hebrews 2:1 NIV

• Our \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_

• \_\_\_\_\_ life

• \_\_\_\_\_ life

*Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit ...? ... Therefore honor God with your bodies.* 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NIV

• \_\_\_\_\_ life

*"However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me ..."* Acts 20:24 NIV



*"Chazown helped me to know that everything I went through and experienced in my past was for a reason." Cedric*



### Talk It Over

Share with your group what you expect or hope to gain from the Chazown Experience.

## Session 2: Your Past Experience

In this session you'll complete your first circle by identifying the events or seasons in your life that God has used to prepare you to fulfill His vision for your life.



As you watch Session 2 with Pastor Craig, you can follow along with these notes.

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28 NIV*

• **Personal timeline: a big-picture overview of your \_\_\_\_\_**



*"It's hard to remember everything from your past in such a short amount of time, so I took my timeline home and continued to work on it." Casey*



### **To create your timeline, you'll need:**

- Your *chazown* foldout
- Four colors of small sticky notes: yellow, pink, blue, and green
- A pen

Pastor Craig and your facilitators will guide you through each step of this process. The instructions are listed in your *chazown* foldout.

**If you're struggling to identify the major lessons in your life (step 5), ask yourself these questions:**

- What was God trying to teach me during this chapter or turning point of my life?
- What should I remember as I move forward?
- What abilities or insights has God deposited into my life as a result of this experience?
- In what ways can the skills or insights God gave me through this experience impact my future?
- What character traits did I develop as a result of this experience?
- What character traits have I come to value most in others?
- Are there any unique experiences or insights I've gained?
- What are some of the ways God has used me?
- Did this experience reveal anything to me about what God is like?



When your timeline is completed, write three to five lessons from your green sticky notes into your past experiences circle in your *chazown* foldout. This will complete your first *chazown* circle.



*"It was really hard to write down all those pink sticky notes. But facing my addiction is what led me to my chazown. I know God can turn those pink sticky notes into opportunities to help people know there is life after addiction." Rae Anne*



### **Talk It Over**

Spend a few moments sharing your timeline with someone in your group. Describe the lessons that emerged from your past experiences.

The personal timeline is used with permission from Leader Breakthru. For resources on how God shapes and develops each of our lives for a unique contribution, contact Leader Breakthru and Terry Welling at [www.leaderbreakthru.com](http://www.leaderbreakthru.com).

## Session 3: Core Values and Spiritual Gifts

In this session you'll complete your second and third circles by identifying your core values and spiritual gifts.



As you watch Session 3 with Pastor Craig, you can follow along with these notes.

*For we cannot oppose the truth, but must always stand for the truth. 2 Corinthians 13:8 NLT*

### Identifying your Core Values

1. What stirs up righteous \_\_\_\_\_ inside of you?
2. What brings you the most \_\_\_\_\_ or joy?
3. When you look at your personal timeline, what \_\_\_\_\_ do you see revealed in it?

#### 1 Step One

To identify your core values, start by exploring your answers to the three questions Pastor Craig asked.



"It's important to give back to people what God so freely gave me. So I selected words like servanthood, relationships, and hope." Casey

## 2 Step Two

Check the core values that you feel apply to you. There is space at the bottom to add others that come to mind.

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### 3 Step Three

Now that you've checked the values that apply to you, narrow them down. To help you do this, ask yourself these questions.

- Which core values do you see reflected in your past experiences?
- Which of these values have you displayed recently?
- Which values would others say are true of you?



*"It can be hard to narrow down your core values, but look at your list and identify the ones you just can't live without." Casey*

Now, narrow your list to between 3-5 core values and write them in the core values circle in your *chazown* foldout.



#### Talk It Over

Share your core values with someone in your group. Give an example of how one of these values has been evident in your life.

## Identifying Your Spiritual Gifts



As you continue watching Session 3 with Pastor Craig, you can follow along with these notes.

*We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. ... Romans 12:6 NIV*

To identify your spiritual gifts, start by asking yourself these questions:

1. What do I \_\_\_\_\_ doing the most?
2. What do I do that seems to have the most \_\_\_\_\_ on other people?
3. What do I \_\_\_\_\_ believe I can do, but I've just never tried?
4. What's something other people tell me I'm \_\_\_\_\_ at?



*"One of my spiritual gifts is teaching. As soon as I learn something, I can't wait to share it with other people." Sherryl*

### 1 Step One

Check three to five spiritual gifts and abilities that you feel apply to you. If you're stuck, use the questions that Craig asked. There is space at the end for you to add gifts that are not listed here.

Most of these God-given gifts and unique abilities are explained in the following Bible passages: Romans 12:6-8, Ephesians 4:11-13, 1 Corinthians 12:7-11, 28-31.

## ■ The Gift of Administration

*accomplishing goals by planning, organizing, and supervising others*

**Luke 14:28-30**

## ■ The Gift of Adapting

*responding to the demands of the moment even if they affect your plans*

**Romans 12:2**

## ■ The Gift of Communication

*the ability to describe, speak in public, or write ideas in a way that is easy for others to understand*

**James 1:19, 2 Timothy 2:16**

## ■ The Gift of Compassion

*being sympathetic and showing concern for those who are hurting*

**Ephesians 4:32, Galatians 6:2, Colossians 3:12**

## ■ The Gift of Creativity

*being able to easily create, build, maintain, or repair things*

**Exodus 28:3-4, 31:1-11, 35:30-35**

## ■ The Gift of Developing or Strengthening Others

*helping others reach their full potential by coaching, challenging, and guiding them*

**1 Timothy 5:1-2, Hebrews 3:13**

## ■ The Gift of Encouragement

*offering comfort, encouragement, hope, and reassurance to those who are discouraged or weak*

**Romans 12:6-8, Titus 1:9, Acts 11:23-24, 14:21-22, 1 Thessalonians 2:11-12**

## ■ The Gift of Forward Thinking

*being innovative and guiding others to see changes they need to make today so that it affects their future in a positive way*

**1 Corinthians 14: 1-5, 24-25, 30-33, 37-40**

## ■ The Gift of Praying Intently for Others

*praying for extended periods on a regular basis and seeing frequent answers to prayer*

**Ephesians 6:18, Luke 11:1-10, James 5:14-16, 1 Timothy 2:1-2, Colossians 4:12-13, Mark 11:22-25**

## ■ The Gift of Giving

*being generous with your resources, giving sacrificially, and cheerfully giving of your time, talents, and money without thought of being repaid*

**2 Corinthians 8:2-5, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15, Mark 12:41-44, Mathew 6:3-4**

## ■ The Gift of Hospitality

*making others feel like they're at home*

**1 Peter 4:9-10, Romans 12:9-13, Acts 16:14-15, Luke 10:38, Hebrews 13:1-2**

■ **The Gift of Leadership**

*setting and communicating goals to others and helping them accomplish God's purposes for their lives*

**Titus 1:7-14**

■ **The Gift of Learning**

*being drawn to the process of learning and gaining enjoyment from it*

**Proverbs 1:5, 18:15**

■ **The Gift of Music**

*inspiring others through instrumental music, singing, dancing, or other types of performing arts*

**1 Samuel 16:14-23, 2 Samuel 6:14-15, 2 Chronicles 5:12-13, Psalms 33:1-3, 96:1-2, 100:1-2, 149:3, 150:1-6, Colossians 3:16**

■ **The Gift of Providing Relief**

*supporting people who are in a crisis and cannot provide for themselves*

**Proverbs 19:17, Matthew 25:35-40, Galatians 6:2, Deuteronomy 15:11**

■ **The Gift of Restoration**

*developing long-term relationships to support people in need*

**Galatians 6:1, Jeremiah 30:17**

■ **The Gift of Sharing Christ**

*sharing the gospel of Christ with others in an inspiring, easy-to-understand way*

**Matthew 28:16-20, Acts 2:36-40, 8:5-6, 14:21, 8:26-40, 2 Timothy 4:5**

■ **The Gift of Teaching**

*explaining truth and applying it effectively so others can understand and learn*

**Hebrews 5:12-14, Acts 18:24-28**

■ **The Gift of Wisdom**

*sorting through opinions, facts, and thoughts in order to determine what solution would be best for themselves and others*

**James 3:13-18, 2 Chronicles 1:7-11, Acts 6:3-10, 1 Corinthians 2:6-13, 1 Kings 3:16-28**

**Add any other gifts or abilities you feel God has given you.**

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## 2 Step Two

Write your 3-5 spiritual gifts in the spiritual gifts circle located in your *chazown* foldout.



### Talk It Over

How have you seen your spiritual gifts in action in your life? Share that with someone in your group.



*"Having trouble? Try to describe yourself in just a few words. See which of those words match your core values or gifts." Al*



### Bringing the Three Circles Together

Congratulations! You've examined your past experiences and you've identified your core values and your spiritual gifts. In your *chazown* foldout, you should have all three circles filled in. If you don't, then take a minute to do so now. Look carefully at the three circles you've just identified for your life. See where they overlap because that is where you'll find your *chazown*.

## Session 4: Your Purpose Statement

In this session you'll bring your three circles together and write a one-sentence purpose statement that describes your *chazown*.



As you watch Session 4 with Pastor Craig, you can follow along with these notes.

*Where there is no vision, the people perish ... Proverbs 29:18 KJV*

**Now that you've examined your past experiences, your core values, and your spiritual gifts, ask yourself these questions:**

1. Looking at where my past experiences, core values, and gifts and abilities overlap, what do they have in \_\_\_\_\_?

2. Is there something \_\_\_\_\_ I feel like God is calling me to \_\_\_\_\_, either starting now or sometime in the future?

3. Can I see a greater sense of \_\_\_\_\_ in my daily life as it is right now in this season?

**Keep these things in mind as you write your purpose statement:**

1. Your *chazown* will probably seem kind of \_\_\_\_\_ at first.

2. Don't feel like your *chazown* has to be \_\_\_\_\_ on your first try.

3. Your *chazown* can be \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Your *chazown's* not going to \_\_\_\_\_ itself.



To get started, open your *chazown* foldout and write in the spaces provided.

## Writing your Purpose Statement

A purpose statement is a one-sentence version of God's *chazown* for your life, expressed in words that greatly motivate you to action.

Think about one action-focused sentence—a purpose statement that God will use to propel you forward for the rest of your life.

### Finish this sentence:

God has created me with a dream for my life, and I think it might be...



*"If you can't write anything at all, don't panic. Today is just the beginning. It may take you some time to get to a point where you can write your purpose statement." Cedric*

To start the process of writing your purpose statement, choose which of the three categories you feel you fall into.

**A. I know my chazown and I'm ready to write.**

If you fall into this category, then skip ahead to your chazown foldout and write your purpose statement. If you finish early, you might help someone in your group that is struggling to write their purpose statement.

**B. I'm pretty clear, but I need a little help.**

If you fall into this category, then try using this formula to complete your purpose statement:

**ACTION + WHO + HOW = CHAZOWN.**

Use this purpose statement as an example: To encourage single moms to manage their homes by teaching them basic life skills.

- Action = Encourage
- Who = Single moms
- How = Teaching basic life skills

To jumpstart your thinking, here are some possible words and phrases you can use to create your formula.

<b>Actions</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>How</b>
Encourage	Children	Leading
Foster	Men	Creating
Develop	Single moms	Overcoming
Train	Teenagers	Experiencing
Use my talent	Elderly	Modeling
Speak	Families	Providing
Teach	Those in other countries	Preparing
Care	Homeless	Reconciling
Be an example	The suffering	Increasing
Host	Neighbors	Building

### C. I feel completely stuck.

If you fall into this category, then begin by answering the following questions.

1. What have I always cared a lot about? What values seem to define my very core?
2. What have I always seemed especially gifted to do?
3. What have my past experiences—both good and bad—shown me about myself and my purpose in life?
4. What do my past experiences, core values, and spiritual gifts have in common?
5. Do you feel God calling you in a new direction? If so, where do you feel Him calling you?
6. Is there anywhere in your life where you may be dissatisfied? If so, where?
7. Where are you in your relationship with Christ?

**Here are some examples of purpose statements that might help you in writing yours:**

- To live free and lead others to freedom.
- To train children to become uncompromised disciples of Christ.
- To passionately encourage others to recognize the gifts that God has given them, so they believe in themselves.
- To develop the talents of my coworkers to their fullest extent by identifying and helping meet their developmental needs.



*“Your purpose statement doesn’t have to be perfect or complete right now. Just begin to write knowing that over time your statement will probably change or be refined.” Sherryl*



#### **Talk It Over**

Share your purpose statement with your group and how you brought your circles together to write it.

## Session 5: Living Your Chazown

In this session you'll determine your next steps for living out your *chazown*.



As you watch Session 5 with Pastor Craig, you can follow along with these notes.

*Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.* James 1:22 NIV

### Determine your Next Steps

1. What can you do to keep your chazown in \_\_\_\_\_ of you all the time?
2. What \_\_\_\_\_ am I likely to run into?
3. Which \_\_\_\_\_ should I focus on next?
4. Where do I need to create \_\_\_\_\_ in my life?
5. What new \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ do I need to seek out?
6. Is there someplace at my \_\_\_\_\_ where I can serve right now that might help me start living out my chazown?



*"Be realistic in your goals and next steps. Setting unrealistic goals will only lead to disappointment." Rae Anne*

## Smart Goals

**Specific:** Have you narrowed your focus?

**Measurable:** Can you measure your goals?

**Attainable:** Is the goal realistic?

**Relevant:** Is this the best place for you to focus right now?

**Time-bound:** When will you have your goal completed?

*Where there is no vision, the people perish ... Proverbs 29:18 KJV*

*You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:13 NIV*

*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10 ESV*

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 NIV*

## Set goals for your Next Steps

### 1 Step One

Answer the six questions that Pastor Craig asked. There is room on the previous page for you to answer them. Answer all six questions if you can.

### 2 Step Two

Narrow it down. Look at the answers to your six questions and pick out two or three steps you will take to live out your *chazown*. Then, write your next steps on the last page of your *chazown* foldout.

### 3 Step Three



Under each next step on the last page of your *chazown* foldout, write one goal that will help you take this step. For each goal, set a realistic time frame to complete it, and decide who will hold you accountable for its completion.



### Talk It Over

Share your next steps and goals with someone in your group. Also share your plans for accountability.



"One of the first steps I took was to tell one of my accountability partners and ask them to hold me accountable by giving me feedback on ways I can live out my chazown." Cedric

## Live It Out

Congratulations! You have a *chazown*! You WILL end up somewhere—on purpose!

You've dreamed your dreams. You've begun to seek God and His *chazown* for you. You're learning to better understand your unique design and purpose. You've set some worthy goals. You've chosen (or will choose) someone to go with you on the journey, to help you stay on the path.

You've come a long way! Great job! But your story is only beginning.

Today is the first day of the rest of your life. Your past is behind you. Your future is in God's hands, and He is inviting you to participate actively, willingly, in His *chazown* for your life.

Are you ready? It's time for you to start living it out.

## Additional Resources

Don't let the Chazown Experience end here. The tools listed below will help you to take your next steps and live out your *chazown*.

### **Chazown by Craig Groeschel**

This is the book that inspired the Chazown Experience. Reading it will help you better understand your chazown and help you clarify God's vision for your life. You can find out more about the book and where you can purchase it online.

### **Resources.life.church**

This site will help you grow in the five spokes of life that Pastor Craig shared with you during the Chazown Experience. You'll find tools that will help you grow in your relationship with God, your relationship with others, your financial life, your work life, and your physical life.

