

# Plant Your Seed:

Finding your passion and  
purpose through Spiritual Growth

Inspired by *The Seed* by: Jon Gordon

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- ▶ *The Seed* is a fable about Josh and about his quest to find his passion and purpose. From the very beginning of the book, Josh was at a crossroads. His passion was gone and it was evident in his work life. Through his journey, Josh was told, by the farmer, to find the place to plant the seed and then his purpose would be revealed to him. He must embark on a quest to find his purpose.

# Importance of Passion & Purpose

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- ▶ We find out that in *The Seed*, the key to experiencing real success and true happiness is be the seed and plant yourself.

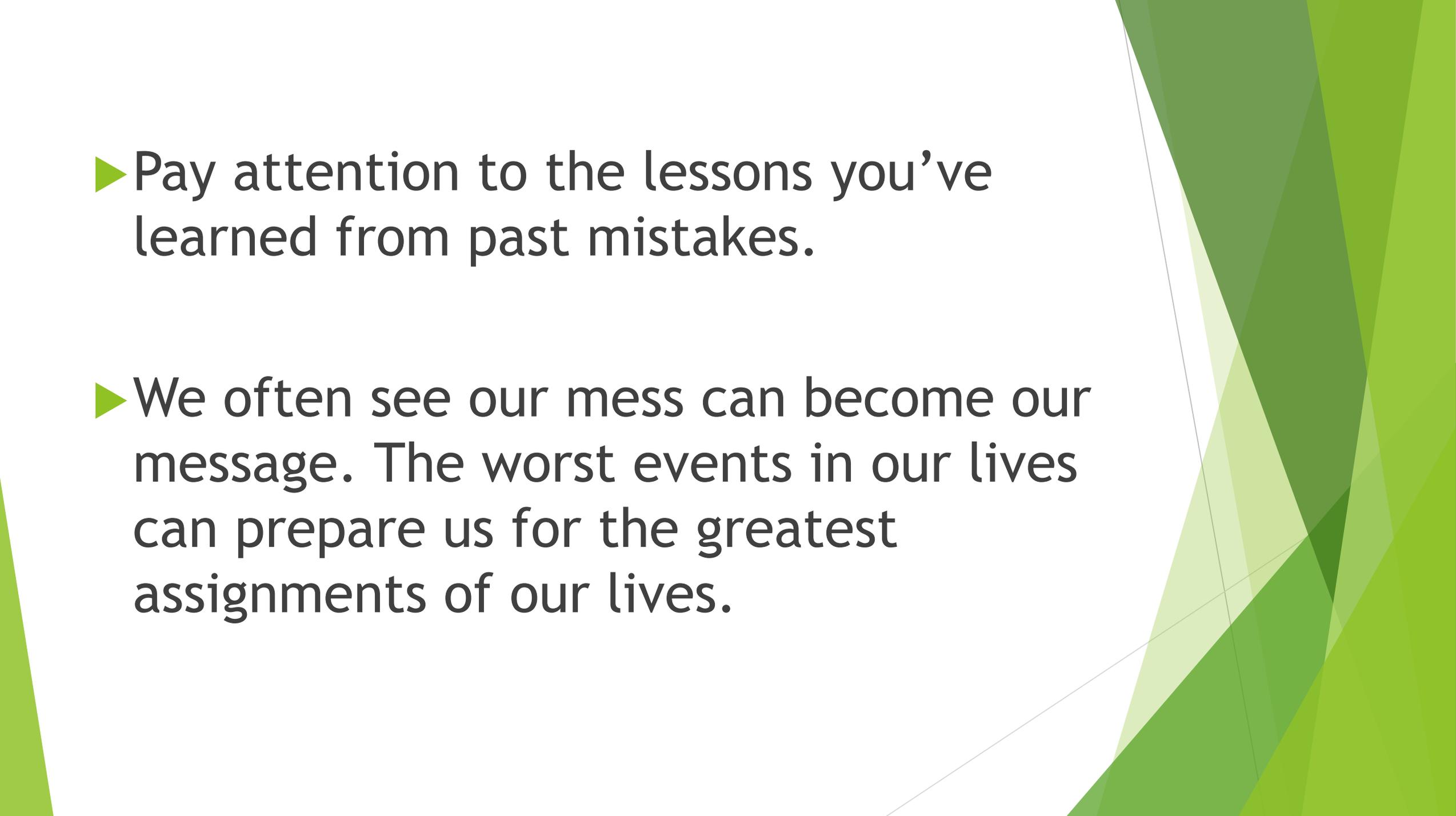
# 4 Stages of Purpose

- ▶ Stage 1 - The Preparation Stage
- ▶ Stage 2 - The Planting Stage
- ▶ Stage 3 - The Growth Stage
- ▶ Stage 4 - The Harvest Stage



# The Preparation Stage

Stage 1

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- ▶ Pay attention to the lessons you've learned from past mistakes.
  - ▶ We often see our mess can become our message. The worst events in our lives can prepare us for the greatest assignments of our lives.



# The Preparation Stage

Stage 1



# The Planting Stage

Stage 2

- ▶ The planting stage begins once we decide to plant ourselves where we are, to be our best and make a difference. Whether that's in your current job or maybe a new position.

- ▶ It might mean you have to make the decision to let go of control and allow yourself to be used for a bigger purpose.
- ▶ The important thing is to realize that everything in your life has prepared you to be planted. You just have to decide to do the planting.



# The Planting Stage

Stage 2



# The Growth Stage

Stage 3

- ▶ You've become committed to peeling back the layers and finding your passion and purpose. You've prepared yourself for the Growth Stage to take place. The Growth Stage is where your roots begin to spread.



# The Growth Stage

Stage 3

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- ▶ No matter where you are during The Growth Stage it's essential to realize that this stage is to help you grow into the person you were born to be.
  - ▶ We are not only shaped by life's events, but we can help shape others in the process.



# The Growth Stage

Stage 3



# The Harvest Stage

Stage 4

- ▶ The fourth stage is the most exhilarating. It's the stage where you see the fruits of your hard work, your quest for passion and purpose, become a reality.

- ▶ This stage is where you give and give and give and still YOU are replenished.
- ▶ When you reach this stage, you are able to look back and see how all the stages are connected.



# The Harvest Stage

Stage 4

- ▶ As the farmer said, “You must do the work, and when you do, your small purpose will grow into your bigger purpose and you will be given a bigger field to grow to produce a bigger harvest.”

▶ “I have come to believe that we are a part of one song. We exist to create the symphony of life. Each one of us has a note to play, and you can’t play anyone else’s note. Your job is to play your note and contribute to the one song. It’s a note you were destined to play from before you were born.”

▶ -Jon Gordon