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## KINGDOM-PURPOSED LIVING: LIVING HIS DREAM

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What does it mean to be a Kingdom education school? What are foundational principles that distinguish a Kingdom education school? This article will explore just a few of the principles that undergird a Kingdom education.

The much renowned book, *The Purpose Driven Life* (2002), written by Rick Warren, was on the New York Times Best Seller List for over 90 weeks, having sold more than 30 million copies as of 2007, after only five years in print. What would cause this Christian book phenomenon in a culture that was becoming more and more secularized with each passing day? The answer is simple, people want a purpose to live and a dream to pursue. This purpose and dream can only have true value when rooted in the Word of God; in Kingdom-purposed living.

The story of Joseph, in Genesis chapters 37 – 50, describes a young boy destined to fulfill a dream, given to him by God; a boy with a dream who grew into a man with a Kingdom-purpose. Joseph was treated ruthlessly by his brothers, who sold him into slavery after Joseph told them his dream. Yet, God used the deplorable treatment of Joseph's brothers to fulfill the dream he had given to Joseph as a young boy (Genesis 50:20). The

2015 version of the Disney classic movie, *Cinderella*, depicts a young girl that was treated horribly by her stepmother and stepsisters after tragically losing her mother and father. Through the horrific treatment, Cinderella's dream was fulfilled.



So, what were the distinguishing characteristics of Joseph and *Cinderella*? Simply, the demonstration of agape love and supernatural forgiveness.

Kingdom educators can do nothing better than to exhibit these traits to their students and provide opportunities and the setting for agape love and supernatural forgiveness to abound in Kingdom schools. The Kingdom-purposed life and fulfillment of God's dream for our student's lives must have these characteristics as part of their life and our Kingdom education equation. This is how our students will fulfill their purpose and live out God's dream for their lives.