



# Completing Project Me

## Sermon Outlines

Parts 1-3

## Completing Project Me - Sermon Outline #1

Applies to Part 1 of the book

### “God Finishes What He Starts: He Started You”

**Key Verses:** Philippians 1:6; I Thessalonians 5:24

**Key Concept:** Nothing in your life is wasted unless you waste it. God will redeem and use it all if you let him.

**Introduction:** “School children have projects: building papier-mâché volcanos or writing book reports. Employees have projects: designing efficient systems or building teams for performance. Employers have projects: expanding the franchise or improving marketing. Everyone has a lifelong project that is of greater importance than these: understanding their purpose in life and seeking God’s help to become who He made us to be. Let’s give some attention to the greatest of all projects.”

#### Key Points:

1. *God never leaves anything incomplete, and you are no exception. Trust Him, and He will do it (Philippians 1:6; 1 Thessalonians 5:24).*

The creation was completed in short order. God will restore the damaged parts of it someday. We have confidence in the finished product as described in the last book of the Bible, Revelation, because God made good on all promises throughout the other 65 books in which promises were kept and prophecies were fulfilled.

2. *God’s view of making things full or complete is different and better than ours. Do what he says and believe Him for more (Exodus 12).*

What undoubtedly seemed like a strange ritual to Moses and the people of Israel turned out to represent God’s method of saving people at every time and in every place. Their ignorance of the bigger picture did not diminish the fact that there was a bigger picture.

3. *Faith must be in God, not results (Hebrews 11:13, 39).*

The greatest people of faith did not see the fulfillment of many of God’s biggest promises to and through them, but they continued to trust in God because they believed in his goodness and ultimate rewards (Hebrews 11:6). Trusting God and depending upon his love is far more dependable than trusting in outcomes and resolution. Only the immature will doubt someone’s love the first time things do not go their way.

**Conclusion:** God is up to more than we can see or ever know. Believing He will finish what he started in us is key to our joy and hope.

## Completing Project Me - Sermon Outline #2

Applies to Part 2 of the book

### “Invisible and Incomprehensibly Real: What God Will Do In and Through You”

**Key Verses:** Romans 5:17–19; 2 Peter 3:8–9; Judges 7:2

**Key Concept:** Every word we speak and every deed we do has consequences and potential. The potential is never realized immediately. Expect more.

**Introduction:** “Sound waves are invisible but very real and always at work. Atoms cannot be seen with the naked eye. Nevertheless, they are ubiquitous. All of our words and deeds have epic potential though we see only a sliver of that potential. When submitted to God, the tapestry woven from our words and deeds far exceeds the beauty of any particular thread.”

#### Key Points:

1. *That which is done by God or for God will never lose power or impact.*

Unlike entropy, God is able to take the broken and make it whole. He improves what is tarnished by sin or injury. Everything God desires to remedy is remedied and gets better beyond belief. Ripples continue to roll. Threads are woven together to display unimaginable beauty. Jesus died once and left an impact forever (Romans 5:17–19).

2. *Time does not have the final word; God does. And those who have faith in God will never let time dictate their terms or times of service (2 Peter 3:8–9).*

Faith sees beyond the restrictions of time. Obedience is faith in action. Obedience, like time, does not have a shelf life. We do what God wants us to do whether we believe time has run out or not.

3. *God will use the least qualified to accomplish his perfect plan (Judges 7:2).*

By using the least qualified, God insures He will get the glory and the credit. Never say you are unqualified. God sees that as voluntary enlistment to do the impossible. The Bible is filled with unqualified people doing the spectacular. He will use the unqualified more than once and recycle their obedience over and over again.

**Conclusion:** Most people see their words and actions as having limited outcomes. However, God can take a single act of faithfulness and bring transformation to thousands and even millions. Sadly, a single act of unfaithfulness can bring ruin to just as many. We must humbly ask God to use our frail efforts again and again and to forgive our transgressions again and again. The end result is glorious either way.

## Completing Project Me - Sermon Outline #3

Applies to Part 3 of the book

### “Trusting God with Everything Changes Our View of Everything”

**Key Verses:** 2 Corinthians 5:7; 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

**Key Concept:** God requires our full and willing participation in completing us. Resist God to your own peril. Submit to God and conquer all resistance.

**Introduction:** “You are likely the only one who cannot see beyond your present circumstance. Others who know you can see beyond your present circumstance. They have a clearer view, less emotional investment, and fewer stakes resulting from your decisions. We often refer to our own lack of perspective in our lives as being ‘short-sighted.’ How has your vision of your own life and impact been restricted?”

#### Key Points:

1. *Seeing from God’s perspective guarantees hope and insures perseverance (Hebrews 11: 1–2).*

The biggest failure is not failure itself but failing to see the success and potential impact that God is building in you and through you. Looking through and beyond the present will diminish the power of any current negative circumstances that may be over us.

2. *Seeing from God’s perspective will prompt us to pray more and pray for more (1 Thessalonians 5:16–18).*

Prayer is nothing more than impersonal directives if it is limited to communication loaded with requests. The Lord loves prayer and communication that seeks Him, His will, understanding of how we should live, and a desire to serve God and others. Everything should prompt us to pray—not just our needs.

3. *Seeing from God’s perspective results in our uncontainable gratitude (Colossians 2:6–7).*

People who are loving are naturally thankful. Thankfulness is fruit that lasts and demonstrates to the world that we will not be easily discouraged when the weather of circumstance changes.

**Conclusion:** Expect more and not less from God as it relates to your own personal development. He wants to complete you. Let Him. Ask Him to give you His perspective. Ask God to reveal how your life has world-changing potential. Expect to be pleasantly surprised. God is not threatened by our desire to be fruitful; He wants to produce fruit in and through us. You are closer to completion than you think.