

East Side Church of God

Life Notes

Altar (ED)—Your Life

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Text: Luke 2:22-40, 1 Samuel 1:27-2:11

Life Alteration #1: We are given life by God so that we can choose to serve a **greater agenda** than our **self**.

And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people. —Luke 2:27-32 (ESV)

Life Alteration #2: We are Altar(ED) by **presenting ourselves** to God.

And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house? And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. —Luke 2:49-51 (ESV)

Life Alteration #3: We are Altar(ED) by **accepting** the **sacrifice** God has made for us.

And she said, “Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition that I made to him. Therefore, I have lent him to the Lord. As long as he lives, he is lent to the Lord. And he worshiped the Lord there. —1 Samuel 1:27-28 (ESV)

Life Alteration #4: We are Altar(ED) so that we can live with a sense of **calling** and **purpose** for our life.

And the boy ministered to the Lord in the presence of Eli the priest. —1 Samuel 2:11b (ESV)

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.—Luke 2:52 (ESV)