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Scripture: Ephesians 2: 8-10

TITLE: What is Your Mission Statement?

Do you have a mission statement? Most companies do. We do, here at Back to the Bible. Our mission is: To move people closer to Jesus today than they were yesterday.

The church I pastored at had a mission statement, based on the Great Commission. But it's not just organizations that have mission statements. People do too. Richard Branson, the founder of The Virgin Group, has the mission statement: "To have fun in [my] journey through life and learn from [my] mistakes."

You may have never taken the time to write out your own mission statement, but did you know that God wrote one for you? He did, and you accept it, when you become His child. Don't believe me? Listen to the Apostle Paul's words in Ephesians 2:

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. ¹⁰ For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. (Eph. 2:8-10, NLT)

Wow. Did you hear that? God did what we could never do. God saved us. It was totally a gift. We couldn't do enough to fix our sin problem. We couldn't give enough tithes. We couldn't say enough prayers. We couldn't attend enough worship services. We couldn't serve enough shifts at the local mission. God had to save us. And He does so as a gift. We can't take credit for it. We can't take partial credit for it. All Him; None of us.

And then, in verse 10, Paul gives us our mission statement: "We are God's masterpiece... ..so we can do the good things He planned for us to do." That's your mission statement:

"I am God's masterpiece, created in Jesus, for good things."

Today, you may be struggling with forgiving yourself for your past sins. You may feel stuck in life, because of your past or even your present. God says, "Hey! I saved you on purpose, and for a purpose. Satan may want you to stop in your tracks; to give up. Not me! I love you. I made you my masterpiece. Your best life is ahead of you. Let's do this!"

I don't know about you, but I need that reminder each day. My sins from yesterday can stop me. Satan will bring up my past to discourage me. But God says, "You're my masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus for good works." God has big plans for you. So let's go!

My challenge for you today is to write out your unique mission statement, based on God's mission statement for you. It'll start with "I am God's Masterpiece, created in Jesus for good

things in ...”, then fill in the blank: in parenting, in marriage, in service, in banking, in cleaning, or wherever God has placed you.

Write that out and put it in a place you’ll see it each day. But then do share it on social media, even in our goTandem app, so I can see it! I’d love to see your mission statement and cheer you on.

God saved you on purpose, so declare it, and begin to live it.