

Mission Mindset Quiet Time Series

March – The Faith for the Mission

Week 12: Believe God can use YOU/Believe you are hand placed where you are

Ephesians 2:10

- “For we are God’s handiwork...”
 - While the NIV uses “handiwork” to describe us, and several editions use the word “masterpiece”, the most common translation is “workmanship”
 - Defined as both thing that is made, and the quality of the thing that is made, we are made to show God’ master craftsmanship.
 - *Do you believe that you are a high quality creation, that time, love, and effort was put into you?*
- “...created in Christ Jesus to do good works,...”
 - Works are not something we do turn earn salvation, but stem from being a new creation because of Jesus.
 - More than just good deeds, biblical good works are living up to our design, to live for God.
 - Outwardly, good works can include fellowship with the body of Christ, evangelism,
 - *Think about the good works you do? Do they come from guilt or obligation? Or do they come from gratitude from Christ’s sacrifice.*
- “...which God has prepared in advance for us to do.”
 - God put care into creating us, but we were not meant to sit and look pretty. He designed us with a purpose, to be used.
 - If God has designed you for a purpose, what happens if we ignore His call? Who will be lost as a result of us choosing another purpose?
 - *What purpose does God have for you in Lehigh? Not just within the church, but within your community, and the Valley itself.*

Realize that you are masterfully, painstakingly handcrafted by God, but for a purpose. A hammer would be ineffective for chopping down a tree, and a chair could act as a paperweight, but is not designed for that task. There are things that you can accomplish, but unless you are fulfilling your purpose as a disciple, you are not living up to your full potential.

Application: Be purposeful in your actions. What mundane activities in your daily life can be used to further Jesus’ ministry? What is God’s reasoning for having you be at that job, at that school, at the gym, at that grocery store?