

Relentless

Day 24



Today's Passage

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no-one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Ephesians 2:8-10 NIV

Today's Thought

One of my favorite Christian songs was sung by Mark Farner in the late 80's. Mark was the lead singer of the 70's band "Grand Funk Railroad." Coming out of the party scene, Farner gave his life to Christ in a small rural church. The small group convinced him to use his music for the Lord, and because of this he put out two Christian albums.

Check out these words *"Give me the works and I'll give to you all the glory and honor that you are good, Oh Lord of the good, let your light shine down on me"* (Did you hear me singing?)

Serving God consists of our understanding that God has prepared a list of things we are to accomplish. Today's passage shares two very important truths about our assignment.

First of all, he created you especially for this assignment. God, the designer, knew who he needed to complete the task. Think about it; he knew what character would be beneficial, what talents would be essential, and how this was all going to need to be packaged. When David spoke about being knit together in the womb, he fully understood that God himself had designed him for His purpose.

Second, he prepared the task in advance for each of us. God is actively working out his plan in our world, and as we have discussed previously, you are plan A. The Lord has a "To Do" list for you.

No, your salvation does not depend on it. We aren't saved by a "To-Do" list, we are saved by Jesus' "done" list. But this does offer us a purpose to our service. God is counting on me to use all of me for all of him. Today my talents, and my time belong to him.

If all of us embraced this challenge, imagine the difference we could make for God. Here's the last line of the Mark Farner song; *"They thought the behavior of our Lord and Savior was strange, but if his word can shine through in people like me and like you, just think of the lives we could change."* The world can be changed through relentless service.

Today's Prayer

Lord, I want to serve you today, according to the way you have created me and also according to the works you have prepared for me. Give me the works today and I will return them to you as my gift to you. May I worship you today through my work.