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Main point - Do good things that He planned for us long ago.

**Ephesians 2:8-10** (NLT) - God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. <sup>9</sup>Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. <sup>10</sup>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.

### 1. Identity

### 2. Purpose

- a. Say yes, yield, surrender
- b. Ask for an assignment
- c. Listen
- d. Action

**Psalms 73:24** (NLT) - You guide me with your counsel, leading me to a glorious destiny.

**Matthew 5:14-16** (NLT) - You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

**1 Corinthians 15:58** (NLT) - So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

## Study Guide

1. **Say Yes** - When you reflect on your life, can you share an example of when you said yes to God? If not, what is keeping you from saying yes?
2. **Ask for an assignment** - If you didn't ask God for what good thing He has for you to do right now, go ahead and ask. If something is stopping you, make a note of what that is and ask God to heal your heart and enable you to be available for something new. Take the time to journal that prayer or talk to someone about this.

Do you have any examples of a reluctant assignment that you stepped into? How did that go? Did anything good come from it?

3. **Listen** - Now is a great time to stop, turn things off and spend 10 minutes delighting in Him. Let Him speak to you. Be ready... it might surprise you how quickly He responds.

Grab a journal and write down what He said. Tell a friend. Talk about it with someone.

4. **Action** - now it's time to start. What can you do now with what you heard?

- a) Is there someone you can ask to join you or help you find someone? If so, be brave and talk to them about it. Put some plans in place to make it happen.
- b) Perhaps you are feeling led to help someone with a project or ministry through the church. Make a goal of getting in touch with them within the next 3 days.
- c) If you need help sorting out a big idea, reach out to leadership and we can listen and brainstorm how to help you.