



BIBLE VERSE

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Eph. 2:10

1. WHAT IF NO ONE WAS WATCHING YOU "SURF" OR TRY SOMETHING YOU'VE BEEN EXCUSING YOURSELF FROM? WOULD YOUR EXCUSES GO AWAY?
2. WHAT COMES TO MIND WHEN YOU THINK OF GOD HAVING A PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE?
3. IF YOU BELIEVE GOD CREATED YOU, WHAT DO YOU THINK HE CREATED YOU FOR?

PAPER WALLS

LET'S RECALL:

- Pastor Kyle said "Fear triggers us because of our narrative." What do you think he meant by that? What stories are you telling yourself out of fear of something?

LET'S BE REAL:

- Pastor Kyle also challenged us by saying that "Excuses may get you out of doing something in the moment, but it can deteriorate your identity over time. Why do you think excuses feel good in the moment? Has there been something you regret "getting out of", what was that?
- When it comes to following Jesus fully, we all have a "particular because" we rely on that keeps us from growing. What is one of your habitual excuses?

BREAKTHROUGH

FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

USE THE R.E.A.P Method to study this verse as a group.

R - READ the text as a group What stands out to you?

E - EXAMINE the text. What does it mean? Answering questions like 'who, what, where, when, and why?' can help.

A - APPLY what you discover. How does this truth affect any excuses you might have?

P - PRAY about what you have chatted about. Use the prayer below if you'd like.

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FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED, THROUGH FAITH—AND THIS IS NOT FROM YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD— 9 NOT BY WORKS, SO THAT NO ONE CAN BOAST. 10 FOR WE ARE GOD’S HANDIWORK, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS TO DO GOOD WORKS, WHICH GOD PREPARED IN ADVANCE FOR US TO DO. EPHESIANS 2:8-10

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Dear Lord,

Help me identify the excuses I make that keep me from the full and good life you have planned for me. I am overwhelmed at the idea that the same God who made everything so beautiful made me too. Help me to believe this is true of You and to live my life boldly and fearlessly.

Amen.

