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God's Masterpiece

You're worth more than you know.

Ephesians 2:10

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

Handiwork - Masterpiece - Workmanship - Poem

In Greek - "poiema - a thing made. In other places used to describe something made chiefly for a specific purpose."

The word used here to describe what we are is beautiful.

It speaks of the care taken to uniquely make each follower of Christ.

It speaks of value in the investment God has made in each one.

It speaks of a beauty to be beheld.

It speaks of purpose for which we have been made.

God didn't make you for yourself. He didn't make you worthless. He certainly did not make any mistake in who you are.

Then there is what we have made of ourselves. You and I both have made some choices contrary to God's best will for us. We sin by the things we do and by the things we fail to do. Sometimes these leave scars visible to others, and sometimes only seen by ourselves. These scars are part of our story and will become part of the masterpiece God is making.

As we follow God more and better each day, we'll see how the handiwork of God is coming together. We discover and see how God is using us. Our purpose becomes more clear as we do the things prepared in advance for us to do. I am made for His glory and for the betterment of those around me as I love, serve and share God's love with them.

That's how valuable you are to God. That is also how critical you are to the body of Christ.

Your unique gift is part of the collection of gifts God has given to each local congregation. It is part of the collection of gifts God gives to a community in the believers present in various congregations. It is part of the worldwide Church that God is using for his global masterpiece of redemption.

If you have a "scar," don't live in shame from the choice you made. Let it become part of God's masterpiece. Share how God has fixed and is fixing you. It just may open the door for someone else to embrace God's love in his life and be the beginning of yet another part of God's handiwork.