

Glorifying God in Your Story

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Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

The word “workmanship” is the Greek word “poiema” from which we get our English word “poem.” It means something made, a product or a work of art.

Our “poem” is written by God and is intended to bring Him glory. As part of His creative work in us, He has prepared us for our story, and He has prepared our story, our works, for us.

When we face difficult lines in our story, we are comforted by God's sovereign, all-knowing character. And we are able to glorify Him by knowing Him, trusting Him, and praising Him.

Know Him

Job 26:14 Behold, these are but the outskirts of his ways, and how small a whisper do we hear of him! But the thunder of his power who can understand? (ESV)

- We can know Him through His **attributes**.

- We can know Him through His **actions**.

Keep a journal of what the Bible says about who God is.
Keep a list of the things He is doing!

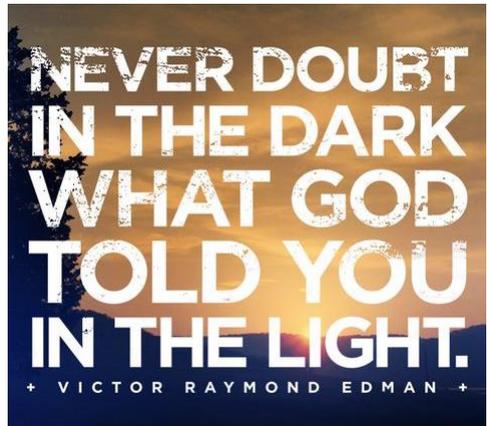
Trust Him

As we know Him more fully, we are enabled to trust Him because of who He is.

Isaiah 50:10 *Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God. (ESV)*

Psalms 56:3 *When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You.*

Psalms 91:4 *He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you may seek refuge. His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark.*



Praise Him

Praise tunes our hearts and changes our perspective. Praise moves our view away from our story and onto the Storyteller.

Psalms 34:1 *I will bless the LORD at all times. . . .*

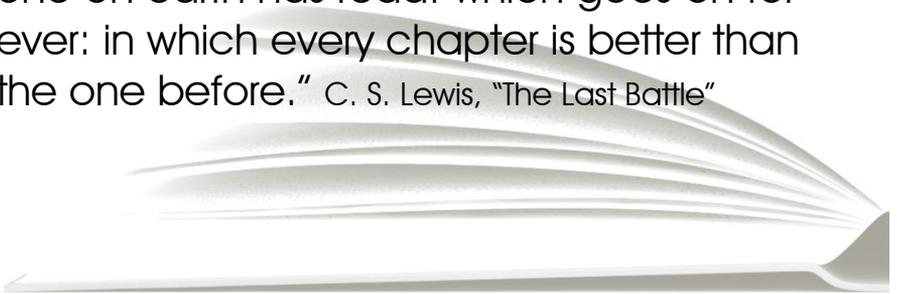
Psalms 145:10 *All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and your godly ones shall bless you.*

Conclusion

“The path and the power will always correspond. God does not lead us on roads that are too steep for our weakness and too long for our strength. What He bids us do, He fits us for. What He fits us for, He thereby bids us do.” Alexander MacLaren

You are God's workmanship,
and He intends to glorify Himself in you!

“All their life in this world and all their adventures had only been the cover and the title page: now at last they were beginning Chapter One of the Great Story which no one on earth has read: which goes on for ever: in which every chapter is better than the one before.” C. S. Lewis, “The Last Battle”



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