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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Eph. 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. (NIV)*

When you think about the gift of this real and abundant life, you have to remember where you were before you received it. Earlier in this very passage, Paul reminds us of this: **v. 1-5** *As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of His great love for us, God, Who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved. (NIV)*

The Greek word for handiwork is **poiema** which means *specifically created by the hands of a master; a masterpiece*. Folks, we are not just a result of a mass of cells that just so happened to be formed in our mother's womb. No, we are specifically and carefully constructed by the Master of all. **Ps. 139:13-14** *For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well. (NIV)* We need to be reminded that we are not just a clump of cells that are randomly formed, but we are His masterpiece. And what the LORD makes is always exactly the way He wants. He uses everyone for His purposes. He had a blueprint for you as well. He prepared in advance, for us to do and accomplish for Him.

Dear LORD, let us set our hearts and minds on accomplishing what You have for us today. We can't change yesterday and we don't know if we will have tomorrow, but this is the day You have made for us to live in. Help it to be for You and Your glory. In Jesus Name, Amen