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Saved for Something Ephesians 2:10-22

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

¹⁰ For we are God's masterpiece....

We went from....

¹And YOU WERE dead in the trespasses and sins
To

¹⁰ For WE ARE God's masterpiece

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GOD'S FAMILY IS HIS GREATEST MASTERPIECE

CROSSGATES IS A LOCAL EXPRESSION OF A GLOBAL MASTERPIECE

Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)

¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, <u>created in Christ Jesus for good works</u>, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

U.S. Navy: A Global Force for Good

GOD'S CHURCH IS A GLOBAL FORCE FOR GOOD

If our church ceased to exist tomorrow would our community know it?

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WE WERE SAVED FOR SOMETHING!

"Two most important days of your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why." Mark Twain

GOD HAS A PLAN; WE HAVE A PART!

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GOD INITIATES, WE COOPERATE

- Cruise Ship...it's all about you. Fun to go on.
 Not a way to live all your life.
- Battleship...Can make a huge difference.... but everyone stays in the same space. Can't impact many places
- Aircraft Carrier.... Shooting you out into mission. Come back to be refueled, encouraged, equipped. To go back out!

IT'S GOING TO CALL FOR EVERYONE TAKING STEPS FOR US FULFILL OUR PURPOSE

Ephesians 2:11-13 (NLT)

11 Don't forget that you Gentiles used to be outsiders. You were called "uncircumcised heathens" by the Jews, who were proud of their circumcision, even though it affected only their bodies and not their hearts. 12 In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope. 13 But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ.

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NEVER FORGET WHERE WE'VE COME FROM BEFORE WE BELONGED TO GOD'S FAMILY

Ephesians 2:14-18 (NLT)

¹⁴ For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. ¹⁵ He did this by ending the system of law with its commandments and regulations. He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups. ¹⁶ Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death. ¹⁷ He brought this Good News of peace to you Gentiles who were far away from him, and peace to the Jews who were near. ¹⁸ Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us.

JESUS BRINGS US TOGETHER, THE SPIRIT KEEPS US TOGETHER, THE MISSION MOVES US INTO THE FUTURE TOGETHER

Ephesians 2:19-22 (NLT)

¹⁹ So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. ²⁰ Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. ²¹ We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. ²² Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.

GOD IS BUILDING SOMETHING THROUGH EVERY SOMEONE