

YOUnique Past

Redeeming the Past

God is the writer, director, producer and actor of my story. – “God, brilliant Lord, yours is a household name. Nursing infants gurgle choruses about you; toddlers shout the songs that drown out enemy talk, and silence atheist babble. I look up at your macro skies, dark and enormous, your handmade sky-jewelry, moon and stars mounted in their settings.” (**Psalm 8:1-3 MSG**)

- **God’s sovereign plan** – “Why do the nations say, ‘Where is their God?’ Our God is in heaven; He does whatever pleases Him.” (**Psalm 115:2-3**)

☞ **My place in God’s sovereign plan - insignificant**

- **God’s providential plan** – “Then I look at my micro-self and wonder, Why do you bother with us? Why take a second look our way? Yet we’ve so narrowly missed being gods, bright with Eden’s dawn light. You put us in charge of your handcrafted world, repeated to us your Genesis-charge, made us lords of sheep and cattle, even animals out in the wild, birds flying and fish swimming, whales singing in the ocean deeps.” (**Psalm 8:4-8 MSG**)

☞ **My place in God’s providential plan - significant**

God’s goodness redeems and uses my story for His purpose.

- **For our Younique maturity** – “Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” (**James 1:2-4**)
- **For our Younique ministry** – “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.” (**2 Corinthians 1:3-9**)
- **For our Younique worship** – “God, brilliant Lord, your name echoes around the world.” (**Psalm 8:9 MSG**)