A STORY OF PURPOSE

Part Five of Series: THE STORY OF YOU Letting God Redeem Your Past and Rewrite Your Story

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"David served God's purpose in his own generation, then he died...." Acts 13:36 (CEB)

"You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit them together in my mother's womb. Thank You for making me so wonderfully complex! It is amazing to think about. Your workmanship is marvelous—and how well I know it. You were there while I was being formed in utter seclusion! You saw me before I was born and scheduled each day of my life before I began to breathe. Every day was recorded in Your book!" Psalm 139:13-16 (TLB)

Westminster Confession: Our whole purpose is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

"Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame." Genesis 2:25 (NIV)

"Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. Genesis 3:7 (NIV)

"Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden." Genesis 3:8 (NIV)

"O loving and kind God, have mercy. Have pity upon me and take away the awful stain of my transgressions. Oh, wash me, cleanse me from this guilt. Let me be pure again. For I admit my shameful deed—it haunts me day and night. It is against You and You alone I sinned and did this terrible thing. You saw it all, and Your sentence against me is just. But I was born a sinner, yes, from the moment my mother conceived me. You deserve honesty from the heart; yes, utter sincerity and truthfulness. Oh, give me this wisdom." Psalm 51:1-6 (TLB)

"Give me back the joy of your salvation. Keep me strong by giving me a willing spirit. Then I will teach Your ways to those who do wrong, and sinners will turn back to You." Psalm 51:12-13 (NCV)

"My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart You, God, will not despise." Psalm 51:17 (NIV)

3 Responses to God's Grace:

It's Beneath Me

"God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." James 4:6 (GNT)

It's Behind Me

"... may you be able to feel and understand, as all God's children should, how long, how wide, how deep, and how high his love really is; and to experience this love for yourselves, though it is so great that you will never see the end of it or fully know or understand it. And so at last you will be filled up with God Himself." Ephesians 3:18-19 (TLB)

• It's Before Me

"God, Your plans are incomprehensible to me! Their total number is countless! If I tried to count them—they outnumber grains of sand! If I came to the very end—I'd still be with You." Psalm 139:17-18 (CEB)