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CLOTHED WITH POWER

CULTIVATING CREATIVITY

“IN THE BEGINNING, GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH. THE EARTH WAS WITHOUT FORM AND VOID, AND DARKNESS WAS OVER THE FACE OF THE DEEP. AND THE SPIRIT OF GOD WAS HOVERING OVER THE FACE OF THE WATERS. AND GOD SAID, “LET THERE BE LIGHT,” AND THERE WAS LIGHT. AND GOD SAW THAT THE LIGHT WAS GOOD. AND GOD SEPARATED THE LIGHT FROM THE DARKNESS. THEN GOD SAID, “LET US MAKE MAN IN OUR IMAGE, AFTER OUR LIKENESS... SO GOD CREATED MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE, IN THE IMAGE OF GOD HE CREATED HIM; MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM. AND GOD BLESSED THEM. AND GOD SAID TO THEM, “BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY AND FILL THE EARTH AND SUBDUE IT...” — GENESIS 1

SURRENDER

“Put God in charge of your work, then what you’ve planned will take place. God made everything with a place and purpose. . .”

– Proverbs 16:3–4 MSG



SERVE

"God took the Man and set him down in the Garden of Eden to work the ground and keep it in order...He brought [the animals] to the Man to see what he would name them. Whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name."

– Genesis 2:15, 18–19 MSG



STEWARD

"Sow righteousness for yourselves, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the LORD..."

– Hosea 10:12 MSG



+ God, where are you asking me to **surrender** my dreams, plans, process, and control to you?

+ God, where are you inviting me to **serve** and lay down my life for the work you've given me to do – in the spheres you've placed me and the people you've given me?

+ God, how are you inviting me to **steward** the calling and assignments of this season? Where are you asking for my 'yes'?



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A PRAYER TO

WALK IN CREATIVITY

O GOD OF ALL,

You who both created everything and revealed Your nature through Love,

I thank You for making Yourself known

and for the gift of being called – by name – to co-create with You

I acknowledge Your desire to transform my identity and my work

to fill me with the Holy Spirit to partner in creativity

bringing attention to where You are drawing Heaven here

to where You are redeeming, reconciling, and renewing all things

With the humility of surrender

I relinquish my own understanding of my past, present and future

inviting Your sovereignty, Your voice, and Your ways to lead me

With the heart of a servant

I lay down my need to be great

to let You infuse all I put my hands to

and to draw my offerings beyond myself and toward others

With a resounding yes

I ask for grace to steward the forms and materials of my life,
re-storying every act into worship

I receive Your gifts with eager heart and open hands

Renew my mind and refresh my sight

that I would behold Your beauty and heed Your invitations

to reflect Your image

and build Your Kingdom in the here and now

Lord, order our days

that our families, our communities, and our world

would see You, know You, and fall in love with You

as we cultivate cultures of creativity

We trust You with every place we put our seeds, our plows, and our labor

knowing that no hope puts us to shame

no suffering is in vain

no waiting is overlooked

no faithfulness goes unrewarded

Breathe into my bones, All-loving Creator

Our yes is Yours

In the name of Jesus Christ, our LORD, through the power of the Holy Spirit,
Amen.

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