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Living Lent | Day 39

Unprecedented Opportunity

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

Ephesians 2:10 KJV

Encouragement for the Lenten Journey:

I must have read 20 biblical translations of Ephesians 2:10 while preparing to write this devotional. Any version I read was music to my ears! God created us to do Kingdom work while we are here on earth. He also pre-ordained that we should do this work. Think about this for a moment...he set the work up, and all we have to do is walk the path to unprecedented opportunity. Easier said than done, right?

We all know we don't always walk the path we were meant to walk. As flawed humans, we often think we know what is best. One of my examples of this is the story of how I came to work at Morningstar. After being asked to come and declining multiple times because I was sure I was supposed to elsewhere, God changed my circumstances overnight and helped me see he had opened this door for me, and all I needed to do was walk through it. Fortunately for me, the door was still graciously open.

Since the first day I walked onto the campus, I've truly had unprecedented opportunities! The word "unprecedented" has been used liberally during the pandemic. I've even used it in my communication with donors. The definition of unprecedented is "having no previous example, or not known before." As Christians, every day is unprecedented. We never know how God will use us if we are willing. I've seen things happen on behalf of the children on this campus

I never thought possible. God has continued to send the people and the resources needed to *Create Home* for Georgia's foster children.

No matter where you are, you have unprecedented opportunities to do the excellent work he has called us to do. Paul wrote his letter to the Ephesians while he was jailed. Think about that!

On this day, Good Friday, we mark the day Jesus made an unprecedented sacrifice to give us the opportunity we have for eternal life. In return, he has made us and called us to do his work on this earth. Will you join me in praying that every day brings you an "unprecedented opportunity" to serve the Lord?

Challenge to Prayer and the Exercise of the Privilege of Generosity

As you pray and sacrifice through fasting throughout this Lenten Journey, will you take this opportunity to pay forward in generosity a gift of at least \$1 per day throughout the 40 days for the Children? It is a privilege and a blessing to give as we all look forward to Easter and the Resurrection.

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