



THEME:

the Deep Down Right > Ephesians 2:8-10

CONVERSATION:

1. How do you feel about 'cover songs' - are they generally as good as the original? What's the worst cover song you've ever heard?
2. Ever made something you were proud of only to have it ruined or broken by someone/something else?
3. Is there a spot or situation that you're more at peace > a place where things are more 'as they should be'?
4. Look at [Ephesians 2:8-10](#) >

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this, it is a gift from God. Salvation (being made right) is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

- A. Is it hard to see you being God's masterpiece?
 - a. Can you relate to the idea of us as God's masterpiece being 'vandalized' by sin?
 - b. Have you tried to 'clean up' & 'restore' yourself by yourself? How'd that go?
 - c. Why is it so hard for us to (1) admit we're not as we should be & (2) we need help getting to where we should be?
- B. What hurts more: the idea we've sinned (missed the mark) hurting our pride -or- the sin itself messing with our life?

RESPOND:

> Take time to encourage & pray for each other >

- That you'd not be comfortable with or settle for a vandalized version of God's story for you.
- That you'd be able to admit you need help getting where you need to be & then allow God to begin the work of restoring you.
- That you'd spend more & more time in the deep-down-right story - the one filled with the "good things" God has planned for you.