



REFLECTIONS

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Ephesians 2:10

Why Am I Here?

I am me...*appointed from eternity, from the beginning, before the world began.* (Proverbs 8:23)

God created my inmost being; [knitted] together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; (Psalms 139:13-14)

And I am God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:10)

Now I can't help but wonder what good works God prepared in advance for me to do? Why did He bring me into this world? How does God expect my life to make a difference?

Many if not most people go through life wondering about their life's purpose. God created a role for each of us to play in his plan for this world. We may never fully understand our reason for being since God explained that his thoughts are not our thoughts, and his ways are not our ways. Still, in service to him, it seems we should seek to accept to understand how he made us to be, and to try to identify and use the talents and abilities in the manner he intended.

We wrestle with questions like: How did God make me to be; What do I do well; and How can I glorify God with my giftedness in my little part of the world? Then there is this one: What do I do that brings joy to me and to those around me?

For me, joy doesn't mean pleasure or fun. For me pleasure is pleasing, fun is exhilarating, but joy is fulfilling. Pleasure and fun are fleeting. Joy instills passion in the heart.

Remember the adage that calls *parents to give their children roots and wings*. Our Father gives us both—roots grounded in his love for us, and wings of talents and abilities that carry joy into lives around us. Joy is love language that lifts smiles onto saddened faces and streams tears from gladdened eyes. Joy rouses the heart's deep passion and stirs wind beneath the wings. That's what makes you fly.

Joy carries love and light to the world.

Isn't that reason enough for God to bring you here?

You are the light of the world,

Richard +

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