Series: Propelled: The Serving Mindset

Message: Designed For Serving **Scripture:** Ephesians 2:1-10

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Albert Schweitzer, Nobel Peace Prize Winner, Medical Missionary To Africa Those among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve.

- 1. What was God's intention in putting mankind on earth? (Ephesians 2:10)
- 2. Why does everyone begin life with a "me-first" mindset? (Ephesians 2:1-3)
- 3. What does God do to enable us to have a serving mindset? (Ephesians 2:4-6)
- 4. Why does God enable us to have a serving mindset? (Ephesians 2:7)
- What was God's intention in putting mankind on earth? DESIGNED (Eph. 2:10)

Ephesians 2:10

¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

2. Why does everyone begin life with a "me-first" mindset? BROKEN (Eph. 2:1-3)

Ephesians 2:1-3

- ¹ And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,
- ² in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.
- ³ Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

Luke 7:47

⁴⁷ "For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little."

3. What does God do to enable us to have a serving mindset? RE-CREATED (Eph. 2:4-6)

Ephesians 2:4-6

- ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,
- ⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),
- 6 and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus,

Implications:

- 1) Who we are in Christ must precede what we do for Christ.
- 2) What Christ has done for us must be the cause of what we do for Him and others.
- 4. Why does God enable us to have a serving mindset? VINDICATION (Eph. 2:7)

Ephesians 2:7

⁷ in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 3:10

¹⁰ in order that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.

"Vindication is a sweet thing. When you get vindication, you've been proven right or justified in doing something. Everyone wrongly accused of a crime craves vindication. Vindication is good, but it can only come after something bad, like being accused of something you didn't do."