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THE FULL MESSAGE

GOD CAN LOSE

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> Dr. Eric Thomas has the church scratch off real lottery tickets to make one point: the win was already put inside you at creation. The only question left is whether you will be the return, or His most expensive loss.

GOD ALREADY MADE THE INVESTMENT AND ALREADY PUT THE WIN INSIDE YOU. THE ONLY THING LEFT IS TO SCRATCH IT OFF. REFUSE TO, AND YOU BECOME HIS MOST EXPENSIVE LOSS.

Every winning number was already picked before anyone scratched. Every gift was already deposited before anyone asked. This week Dr. Eric Thomas makes one case, over and over, from a lottery ticket to a football scoreboard: the only real risk in your life is refusing to reveal what God already put there.



From the deck - The opening challenge

SCRATCH IT OFF

The church held real lottery tickets and scratched them off live. The point was never the money. Someone already set the prize aside, win or lose, before anyone scratched a single ticket. God already put the win inside you at creation. You do not create your winning. You reveal it.

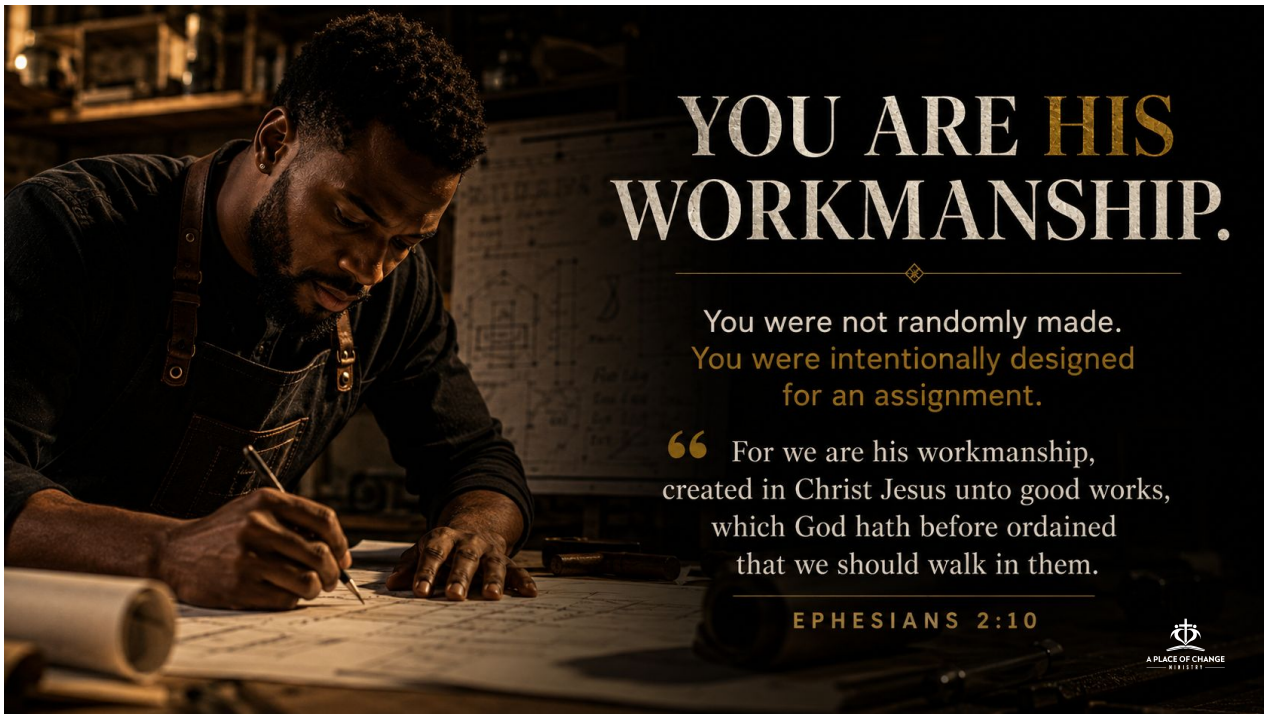
> **STOP ASKING GOD TO MAKE YOU A WINNER AND START SCRATCHING OFF EVERYTHING HE PUT INSIDE OF YOU.**
>
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YOU ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP

You were not randomly made. You were intentionally designed for an assignment, before your mother even knew you were in her womb. If you are wondering why you keep chasing something that leaves you exhausted, it is because you are walking in a job instead of walking in the

gift.

> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.
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> EPHESIANS 2:10



From the deck - You Are His Workmanship

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Auburn paid New Mexico State $1.85 million in 2023 to lose. Rutgers paid UMass $1.55 million this year to lose. Nobody pays that much to take a loss unless the point is not the money.

The application: if you do not become who God called you to be, you become one of His greatest losses. His most expensive expense. God gave His only Son. The giving is not the part that matters most. The return is.

> For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
>
> JOHN 3:16



From the deck - The thesis

LOOK WHAT HE INVESTED IN YOU

Poverty, spiritual or literal, keeps you focused on what you lack instead of what has already been deposited. Some of you carry gifts other people envy, and you are not doing anything with them. That gift is the investment. Sitting on it is the loss.

> I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.
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> PSALM 139:14

THE HEAD, NOT THE TAIL

Position is not something you ask for. It is something you were already given and have to walk in.

> The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure... and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow; and thou shalt be the head, and not the tail.
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> DEUTERONOMY 28:12-13

SEARCH: NOT YET TRY OR TURN

Nehemiah's four silent months with God, before the fifty two day wall rebuild, were about three things: search, try, turn. This week's word was only the first one. Search. Stop judging and examining everyone else, your spouse, your parent, your boss, your kids, your past, while refusing to examine yourself. Try and turn are coming in future weeks of this arc.

> Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD.
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> LAMENTATIONS 3:40

THE BENEFITS OF PUTTING GOD FIRST

A personal story closed the message: asked to speak at a corporate event on his own birthday for no real fee, the answer was yes, because it would benefit the person who asked, not the speaker. Rushing to get there, a traffic stop ended without a citation. The point is not the traffic stop. It is that obedience done with the right spirit carries benefits you do not always see coming, and obedience done with a bad attitude forfeits them even when the task still gets done.

DO NOT JUST READ IT

THIS WEEK'S ASSIGNMENT

MONDAY

Name What You've Been Avoiding

What's one thing about yourself you've been refusing to examine because it's easier to examine everyone else? Write it down before you pray about anything else today.

TUESDAY

Get the Name Out Your Mouth

Whose name do you keep bringing up when you explain why you're stuck: a spouse, a parent, a boss, an ex, your past? Say the name once, then ask God to show you your part instead of theirs.

WEDNESDAY

What Are You Really Chasing?

Chasing man, chasing God, chasing man again is a double-minded pattern. What have you been chasing for validation this year instead of walking in what God already called you to?

THURSDAY

Obey the Small Thing

Is there something small, an ask from your spouse, your church, your family, that you've been slow-walking? Do it today, and pay attention to the spirit you do it in.

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KEEP BUILDING.

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