

# **“Saved to Serve”**

**Series: Life on Loan  
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## **1. Let's be clear about salvation (Gospel)**

### **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 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.*

- You are saved by grace
- You are saved from sin
- You are saved for service
- A saved heart is one that wants to serve

## **2. Let's be clear about ministry (Service)**

- God gives us leaders for that

### **Ephesians 4:11-12**

*Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.*

- God gives us the Bible for that

### **2 Timothy 3:16**

*All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.*

- God gives us spiritual gifts for that

### **1 Peter 4:10**

*God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.*

- **God gives us other believers for that**

**Hebrews 10:24-25**

*Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.*

### **3. Let's be clear about mission (Purpose)**

- **The mission is to make disciples**

**Matthew 28:18-20**

*Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

- **The mission has no boundaries**

**Acts 1:8**

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

- **The mission isn't getting people to heaven—it's getting heaven to people**

**Matthew 6:10**

*May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.*

- **The mission is not about the life you own—it's about your life on loan**

**Ephesians 2:10**

*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.*

***"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."***

**—Matthew 20:28**

**ARE YOU LIVING A *LIFE YOU OWN*...  
OR A *LIFE ON LOAN*?**