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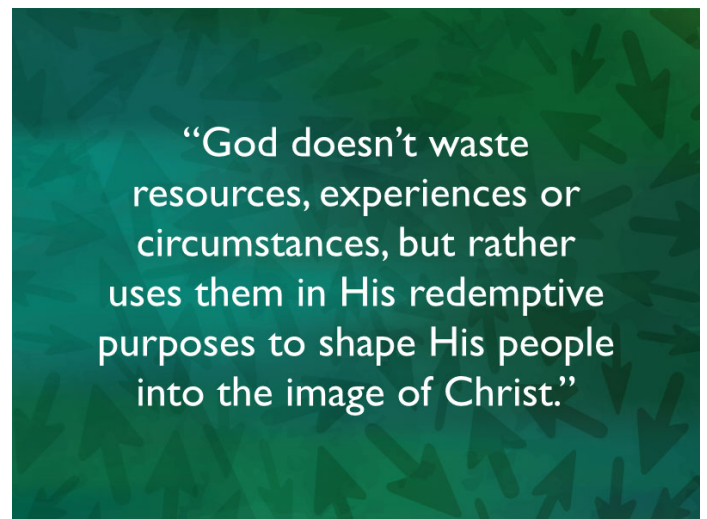
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“Warren is a community of believers surrendered to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and dedicated to advancing the gospel together in our neighborhoods and around the world as we make disciples and multiply disciple-makers.”

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“Because the marketplace embodies the societal systems that define and give life to a metropolis, Jesus recruited people from the marketplace to be the backbone of His redemptive movement. His objective was to create a new social vehicle—the Church, a movement that freely expanded, rather than a monument to be gazed at.”

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“This movement was meant to be countercultural, rather than a subculture... they are left in the world and entrusted with the commission to disciple the nations.”

—Ed Silvano

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¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

—Matthew 28:18-20 ESV

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Moving From Drudgery to Discipleship
Discover God's Presence

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¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. —John 14:16-17 ESV

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¹⁴I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not ask that You take them out of the world, but that You keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. —John 17:14-17 ESV

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¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. —Matthew 28:19-20 ESV

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Moving From Drudgery to Discipleship
Display Excellence

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¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. —Romans 6:17-18 ESV

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²³Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. —Colossians 3:23-24 ESV

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Do you see a man skillful in his work? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before obscure men. —Proverbs 22:29 ESV

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¹³The sluggard says,
 “There is a lion in the road!
 There is a lion in the streets!”
¹⁴As a door turns on its hinges,
 so does a sluggard on his bed.
 —Proverbs 26:13-14 ESV

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“Excellence in all things and
 all things to the glory of God.”

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Moving From Drudgery to Discipleship
 Demonstrate Perseverance

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⁹And let us not grow weary of
 doing good, for in due season we
 will reap, if we do not give up.
¹⁰So then, as we have opportunity,
 let us do good to everyone, and
 especially to those who are of
 the household of faith.
 —Galatians 6:9-10 ESV

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Moving From Drudgery to Discipleship
 Develop Influence

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⁹Teach slaves to be subject to
 their masters in everything, to try
 to please them, not to talk back
 to them, ¹⁰and not to steal from
 them, but to show that they can
 be fully trusted, so that in every
 way they will make the teaching
 about God our Savior attractive.
 —Titus 2:9-10 NIV

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“If we manifest proper attitudes toward leadership, display godly initiative, and commit ourselves to excellence and honesty, our work will earn for us the level of credibility we need to bring Christian influence into the marketplace.” —Bill Hybels, *Christians in the Marketplace*

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¹³You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. ¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

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¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.
—Matthew 5:13-16 ESV

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“In today’s global community, the greatest channel of distribution for ‘salt and light’ is the business community... the marketplace.”
—Bill Pollard, Chairman
ServiceMaster

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Moving From Drudgery to Discipleship
Deepen Dependence

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¹The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord. ²All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the spirit. ³Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established. ⁴The Lord has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble... ⁹The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.
—Proverbs 16:1-4, 9 ESV

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When God wants to drill a man,
 And thrill a man, and skill a man,
 When God wants to mold a man
 To play the noblest part;
 When He yearns with all His heart
 To create so great and bold a man
 That all the world shall be amazed,
 Watch His methods, watch His ways!

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How He ruthlessly perfects
 Whom He royally elects!
 How He hammers him and hurts him,
 And with mighty blows converts him
 Into trial shapes of clay which
 Only God understands;
 While his tortured heart is crying
 And he lifts beseeching hands!

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How He bends but never breaks
 When his good He undertakes;
 How He uses whom He chooses,
 And with every purpose fuses him;
 By every act induces him
 To try His splendor out—
 God knows what He's about!

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