

God's Masterpiece

*“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”
(Ephesians 2:10) NLT*

I am writing this today from a Walmart parking lot in Baton Rouge-Louisiana. Trying to get wifi is difficult in a disaster zone. For over ten days, I have been working diligently with Hope Force International (www.hopeforce.org) and other volunteer agencies to help those impacted by this terrible disaster. Normal every day life has been completely disrupted and at a times standstill for those living here.

Each morning at 6:30AM, we get together as a group for prayer and devotions. Each day a different volunteer will share the devotion. Yesterday’s devotion was shared by Larry McAlpin and I want to springboard off it for today’s devotion.

You are God’s Masterpiece. The focus today is on the canvas. God is creating a masterpiece with each of us, there are certain characteristics of a good canvas that should be noted.

1- You are not an image of someone else. “We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose, because those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters (Romans 8:28).

Life on God’s terms- we are more than conquerors. There is no one else like you. You were not created by accident, but with a purpose in mind. God has a plan for you. Sometimes your plans are not His. God is actively at work in your life every day, not just occasionally.

2. You are not a paint-by-number painting. God is creating things within you like none other.

He is not sitting there following numbers and coloring along defined lines. He has a purpose and plan behind all that happens in your life. He sees the beginning from the end. There is nothing that happens to you that is accidental or that He doesn’t know about. You are unique and being

colored in the image of Christ. He is using the events of your life to bring forth His creative masterpiece.

3. You really have no say as to the colors or shapes.

This is the hardest part to embrace. By trusting God, we are in no position to tell Him what color we want where, or where we want to put it. It's a life of daily surrender and trusting Him to color what needs to be done in our life.

Sometimes the paintbrush bristles might feel a little rough or scratchy. Can you relate? Today is a reminder to trust the Master craftsman with the outcome.

Don't be inconvenienced by the Holy Spirit. Don't grumble about what's going on. Don't try to take the paintbrush and it elsewhere. Just let Him paint His canvas for you.

Try to see each day from the Master's perspective. He is painting the canvas of your life. Be thankful (and verbally express it) for the opportunity and adventure to be God's masterpiece.

In the end you will look like Him and carry the image of His son.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K7zWkYaYkuA>

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