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## Is Your Life a Secret?

We live in muted tones when ...

Our <u>story</u> is compared with others <u>highlights</u>

Oh, don't worry; we wouldn't dare say that we are as wonderful as these other men who tell you how important they are! But they are only comparing themselves with each other, using themselves as the standard of measurement. How ignorant!

2 Corinthians 10:12 (NLT)

Dreams of grandeur take the place of simply living

Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 2:11 (NIV2011)

We live in vibrant tones when...

The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

John 10:10 (NLT)

· Accept that we are part of God's wonderful works

together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. <sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Psalm 139:13-15 (NRSV)

## Fulfill our calling

"Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive." - Howard Thurman

God has made us what we are. He has created us in Christ Jesus to live lives filled with good works that he has prepared for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10 (GW)

## My Next Step Today Is To...

- Give my life to the one who knows me and wants me to know that "I am fearfully and wonderfully made."
- Stop living in muted tones and believe that God will use me right where He has me.
- Accept my calling to serve God \_\_\_\_\_
- Memorize and/or meditate on Ephesians 2:10

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me