



SERMON NOTES

August 24, 2025

"Made for It"

Ephesians 2:8-10



I. What Was I Made For?

- A. We need to ask ourselves the question "what was I _____ for?"
- B. When you figure out what you were made for, you experience this deep sense of _____.
- C. According to Daniel Pink, there's a sense of happiness when you can figure out how to _____ autonomy, mastery and purpose.

II. What Was I Made For?: Answers from Paul and Jesus

- A. Many Christians believe that the only reason we were created in Christ Jesus is so we can go to _____.
- B. Paul says we were created in Christ Jesus to do _____ works.
- C. Jesus says that he wants you to find something to do in your life that connects your life to your _____ father.

III. Application

- A. Each of us has a good works _____.
- B. People serving or volunteering in a local church find a sense of satisfaction and _____.
- C. The local _____ is the best place to discover what we were made for as it relates to God's kingdom.

Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message



ASBURY DAILY STUDY GUIDE *August 25-30, 2025*

INTRODUCTION

It's that time of year when summer is coming to an end, vacations are over, kids and teachers are headed back to school, and everyone is back to a normal routine. In addition to getting back into your post summer routine, there is a question Pastor Eric asked us to consider over the next few weeks. That question is "What was I made for?"

Monday: Matthew 14:13-17

The disciples wanted to send the crowds away so they could buy food for themselves. But Jesus said "you feed them." The disciples used the size of the crowd and their lack of food as excuses to not do what Jesus asked. What excuses have you used when you felt God nudging you to meet a need?

Tuesday: Matthew 14:18-21

The disciples did what they knew how to do (hand out food) and they let God do the rest. What talent, skill, experience, expertise, or ability do you have that, like the loaves and fish, don't appear to be things God could use in a significant way?

Wednesday: Matthew 14:22-33

Peter did the same thing he did when Jesus passed out the fish and the bread. Peter said, I don't know how to walk on water, but I know how to get out of a boat, and I know how to walk, and that's what he began to do. But then he began to look at his own ability and he forgot to trust Jesus. What areas of your life do you fail to trust Jesus and rely on your own ability?

Thursday: Exodus 3:1-12, 4:1, 10, 13

God called upon Moses to confront Pharaoh and tell him to let his people, the Israelites, out of Egypt. Moses thought of every excuse why he should not do it. Have you ever sensed that God was urging you to do something, yet you refused to do it because you felt inadequate or unprepared? If so, what was it? Why did you refuse?

Friday: Genesis 12:1-9

God asked Abraham to leave everything he knew behind and move to a new land at the age of 75. This must have been a very difficult request for Abraham, but Abraham said yes to God. When have you ever said yes to something God was urging you to do for which you felt unprepared? What was the impact of that experience on your faith?

MOVING FORWARD

Just as the apostle Paul wrote to the Jesus followers in Ephesus, you were made for something more than yourself. You are God's workmanship, and you've got something to offer God's Kingdom. When you are not doing what you were made for something is off. So this week in prayer, ask God what you were made for. Then be open to what the answer might be.

Answers to the sermon notes: IA) made, B) satisfaction, C) merge. IIA) heaven, B) good, IIC) Heavenly. IIIA) assignment, B) purpose, C) church.