Title: chosen – destiny defined I

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You are God's masterpiece, perfectly designed for destiny.

Introduction

A road called average or a road called destiny: on which road are you? We have **one life and we have to make it count.**

Crafted for destiny

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT) 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.

- God's masterpiece: (Word Wealth) Workmanship poiema (poy-ay-mah); The word signifies that which is manufactured, a product, a design produced by an artisan. Poiema emphasizes God as the Master Designer, the universe as His creation (Rom 1:20), and the redeemed believer as His new creation (Eph 2:10). before conversion our lives had no rhyme or reason. Conversion brought us balance, symmetry, and order. We are God's poem, His work of art.
- We are God's masterpiece. We are beautifully put together, perfectly designed for our purpose.

Jeremiah 1:4–6 (NLT) ⁴ The LORD gave me this message: ⁵ "I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations." ⁶ "O Sovereign LORD," I said, "I can't speak for you! I'm too young!"

• What about somebody with a major disability? Born without arms, without legs? Surely God couldn't have a purpose for that?

A few big buts

• But, it is too late... At any moment in our lives, we can meet with God and He can move us into destiny.

Acts 9:15–16 (NKJV) ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is **a chosen vessel of Mine** to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. ¹⁶ For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake.

"Mine" – the source of destiny is God.

- "But" I am too...
- "But" my friends say... "People who are going nowhere like to take others with them. Those who aren't doing anything want other people to do it with them." Myles Munroe
- "But": I need to be "balanced"
 - A surfer standing on his board, behind the waves and keeping his "balance" is not the ultimate. It is tiring!
 - o Catch the wave!

Conclusion

Ephesians 3:20 (NIV84) ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.

- Life happens when we are riding the wave of destiny.
- God is the One who creates the waves.

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