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EPHESIANS 2:7-10 MSG

Now God has us where he wants us, with all the time in this world and the next to shower grace and kindness upon us in Christ Jesus. Saving is all his idea, and all his work. All we do is trust him enough to let him do it. It's God's gift from start to finish! We don't play the major role. If we did, we'd probably go around bragging that we'd done the whole thing! No, we neither make nor save ourselves. God does both the making and saving. He creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join him in the work he does, the good work he has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing.

“Everything in me and around me wants me to move upward, and this upward pull is so strong that it is hard to break away from it—sometimes almost impossible. And yet I know that the great journey to which the Lord calls me is the journey downward: the journey of humility, servanthood, powerlessness, and vulnerability.” -Henri Nouwen

1. CREATED BY A SERVANT

...He made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant... - Philippians 2:5-8 (NIV)

2. TO GROW A SERVING HEART:

* see with different eyes

...God does both the making and saving....
Ephesians 2:8

* sacrifice

For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
Hebrews 12:2 (NIV)

* team up

“Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”
Philippians 2:4 ESV

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