

# CrossWalk **notes**

## God's Calling for My Life

### Work is a Privilege

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#### Why did God make me? What did God make me to do?

<sup>1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. <sup>2</sup> By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. <sup>3</sup> Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done. **Genesis 2:1-3, NIV**

God's finished work is meant to be \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>4</sup> This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the Lord God made the earth and the heavens. <sup>5</sup> Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, <sup>6</sup> but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground.

<sup>7</sup> Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

<sup>8</sup> Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. <sup>9</sup> The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. **Genesis 2:4-9, NIV**

God created the earth for \_\_\_\_\_.

Our work was not punishment. It was \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>15</sup> The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. <sup>16</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; <sup>17</sup> but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die." **Genesis 2:15-17, NIV**

The highest privilege God gives is to \_\_\_\_\_ him.

<sup>6</sup> When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. . . <sup>17</sup> To Adam he said, . . . "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. <sup>18</sup> It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. **Genesis 3:6; 17-18, NIV**

Sin (self-worship) makes \_\_\_\_\_ into painful \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>13</sup> When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, . . . he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. . .

<sup>23</sup> Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, . . . It is the Lord Christ you are serving. **Colossians 2:13-14; 3:23-24, NIV**

Jesus took my sin to the cross and forgave me.

He even turns painful toil into \_\_\_\_\_.

#### MEMORY VERSE

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**My next step:** I will admire God's finished work of creation and salvation. I will embrace work as worship.

What's your next step?

Mark it on your connection card.