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- 40 hours a week x 50 = 2000 hrs
- 1/3 of your life spent at work!
LIVING UP in a DOWN WORLD

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1 Peter 2:11-12; 18-21
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Living Up In A Down World

- God
- Family
- Work
- Church
- Other (Rec, Sports, Celebration)
Work Was Created By God As A Blessing For Us

- Work **REFLECTS** God’s creative nature and makes us like Him
- Work gives us the opportunity to **PARTNER** with God in His activity in our world
- Work provides meaningful **PURPOSE** in life
- Work **PROVIDES** for our needs
3 Truths About Work

• Work was always intended by God to be a GOOD thing!
• Work was designed to connect us to God
• Work has purpose, significance and important outcome
Sin Corrupted Work And God’s Blessing Was Turned Into Curse

- Pleasant productive work turned into painful toil
- The blessing of a beautiful place turned into banishment into the wilderness
- The presence of God became the absence of relationship
- Purpose became Pain
- Life became Death
3 Truths About Work

• *Sin ruined everything!*

• *What we have is NOT what God intended*

• *God gave us blessing; We exchanged that for a curse*
A Relationship With Jesus Redeems Not Just Us But Our Work!

Redeemed work returns us to fulfilling God’s Intention

‘My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.”’

John 4:34
A Relationship With Jesus Redeems Not Just Us But Our Work!

Redeemed work provides us an opportunity to touch eternal things

“Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.”

John 6:27
A Relationship With Jesus Redeems Not Just Us But Our Work!

Redeemed work requires us to understand that we have limited opportunity to make an impact

“As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.”

John 9:4
A Relationship With Jesus Redeems Not Just Us But Our Work!

Redeemed work will be judged by God, not our earthly bosses!

“his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work.”

1 Cor 3:13
A Relationship With Jesus Redeems Not Just Us But Our Work!

Redeemed work **reflects the character** of God and the **quality** of our relationship with Him

“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”

1 Cor 10:31
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Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul.

Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

1 Peter 2:11-12