

Key Scripture

Matthew 16:18 NKIV

<u>I will build My church</u> and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

A Life Worth Salvaging

Acts 22:4-5 NKJV

I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women, 5 as also the high priest bears me witness, and all the council of the elders, from whom I also received letters to the brethren, and went to Damascus to bring in chains even those who were there to Jerusalem to be punished.

There's no one too far gone – that God can't re-purpose!

Ananias the Good Scrapper

Connect with people by helping them.

Acts 22:13 NLT

He came and stood beside me and said, 'Brother Saul, regain your sight.' And that very moment I could see him!

 \checkmark Affirm who people are going to be – not who they are now.

Acts 22:15 NLT

For you are to be His witness, telling everyone what you have seen and heard.

 \checkmark Bring them to the salvage yard to trade in their old value.

Acts 22:16 NLT

What are you waiting for? Get up and be baptized. Have your sins washed away by calling on the name of the Lord.'

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Kingdom Builders

Repurposed

Recognizing the Value God Sees

1. Reach-Out – Let people know they have value.

Romans 15:7 Message

So <u>reach out</u> and welcome one another to God's glory. <u>Jesus did it; now you do it!</u>

2. Reclaim – Help God salvage all lives.

Hosea 13:14a God's Word

"I want to free them from the power of the grave.

I want to reclaim them from death.

Amos 3:12 NET

This is what the Lord says: "Just *as a shepherd <u>salvages from the lion's mouth</u>* a couple of leg bones or a piece of an ear, so the Israelites who live in Samaria will be salvaged.

3. Repurposed – To be utilized for God's good work!

Acts 22:19-21 NLT

19 "'But Lord,' I argued, 'they certainly know that in every <u>synagogue I imprisoned</u> <u>and beat those who believed in You.</u> 20 And *I was in complete agreement when* **your witness Stephen was killed.** I stood by and kept the coats they took off when they stoned him.' 21 "But the Lord said to me,

'Go, for I will send you far away to the Gentiles!"

Psalm 40:2 NKJV

He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay, And set my feet upon a rock, And established my steps.

Ephesians 2:10 TLB

It is **God Himself who has <u>made us what we are and given us new lives</u> from Christ Jesus; and long ages ago <u>He planned that we should spend these lives in helping others.</u>**

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