

Kingdom Come: Living God Reality on Earth

Kingdom Art and Creativity

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to strengthen our faith in your kingdom to serve your purpose

Heal me and your believers when we are sick

Guide us to forgive people that hurt us

Guide us to be stronger servants under your grace to eternal life in heaven

Help us overcome temptation and sin by keeping us distant from the world

Help us strengthen our wisdom towards heavenly wisdom

Help us turn away from earthly wisdom and avoid us living our life with evil and devil desires

Condemn the violence and crime we have to deal with in our communities daily

I ask you help us to build our disciples so they can be sent out to the world and help people understand the importance to loving God, not the world

Lead us to the path of righteousness and to eternal life in heaven, so we can be part of the new heaven and new earth.

In Jesus name, Amen.

1. If we are made in the image of a creative God, what does that imply about our own purpose as sub-creators?
2. Where in your daily life at work, home, or in your hobbies can you see yourself participating in God's creative work?
3. In what ways might we be misappropriating our creativity and using it for our own glory instead of God's?
4. How does looking toward the future kingdom of God compel you to work and live creatively now?
5. What could it look like for our creativity to sow seeds of the kingdom of God in our communities?
6. Are we more concerned with 'doing for God' or 'being with God'?
7. How does focusing on 'being with God' change how we approach our creative endeavors?
8. Have you ever doubted your own creative talent or felt burned out?
9. As a creation, how does understanding the gospel that we are forgiven, allow you the freedom to create something imperfect?
10. When you experience a 'creative block, how do you overcome it?
11. What is one small, creative thing you can do this week to honor God?
12. How can you intentionally leverage small moments throughout your day at home, work, or even in traffic to pursue creativity and imagination as a form of worship?
13. What is one way you can encourage creativity in those around you or within our church community?

“Then Moses said to the Israelites, “See, the LORD has chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills—to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, to cut and set stones, to work in wood and to engage in all kinds of artistic crafts. And he has given both him and Oholiab son of Ahisamak, of the tribe of Dan, the ability to teach others. He has filled them with skill

to do all kinds of work as engravers, designers, embroiderers in blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen, and weavers—all of them skilled workers and designers.”-Exodus 35:31-35

God names Bezalel and Oholiab as the primary individuals chosen to lead the construction of the Tabernacle. God names Bezalel and Oholiab as the primary individuals chosen to lead the construction of the Tabernacle. This divine endowment also extends to Oholiab and others, appointing them as master craftsmen to teach and execute all the detailed, intricate work required for God's sanctuary. The ultimate purpose of these gifts is to enable the flawless, divinely-inspired creation of the sacred Tabernacle.

- Look for opportunities to use your skills to serve coworkers, customers, and your community.
- Use the skills and knowledge God has given you to perform tasks with precision and excellence
- Using your God-given gifts in service brings a sense of joy, fulfillment, and connection to something eternal.

After I volunteered for the Barack Obama Presidential campaign starting March 2007, I did not realize that at the time that I had a skill to serve the community and make a difference and bring change. I realized that I liked what I was doing and volunteering at the time because it encouraged me to do more volunteer work in the community at homeless shelters. When I volunteer at homeless shelters and help the homeless, I do it spiritually because I am a cheerful giver for the Lord. It explains why I feel comfortable only being around Christians and spiritual people in my inner circle. It explains why I do not be friends with people that continue to live and act like sinners, have mental health and anger issues. I volunteered at the Barack Obama Presidential campaign in Chicago while volunteering for the campaign by making phone calls, performing data entry, and attending campaign events in 2008 and 2012. I actively campaigned for Barack Obama in 2008 and 2012 in swing states and neighborhood canvassing in swing states. I got high recognition from his campaign office staff and for his primary win in Maine. People were optimistic that Hillary Clinton was going to win Maine because she won the primary in New Hampshire in 2008. I volunteered for Alderman Howard Brookins, Jr. Cook County States Attorney Campaign in 2008. I performed administrative tasks, neighborhood canvassing in the Chicago southside neighborhood, phone banking and passing out flyers for the Brookins campaign for Cook County States Attorney in 2008. I campaigned for Alexi Giannoulis when he ran for US Senate in Illinois. I got high recognition from him in 2012 at the Obama campaign office in 2012. I was a member of the Catholic Charities Junior Board in Chicago. I served on the Volunteer Committee, Faith Committee and Social Committee as a member of Catholic Charities Junior Board in 2012-2013. I feel like I used my shepherding while volunteering at homeless shelters and involved in organizations in Chicago in 2008 to present Philadelphia, Detroit and Houston. I provided righteous and spiritual wisdom while I volunteer at homeless shelters and organizations in Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit and Houston.

I want to be honest that I need help within the community and with the church to set up my pastoral housing allowance and raise money for the church that matches the growing congregation in Southfield. The church operates as a nonprofit with our automatic 501(c)(3) from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The church needs to raise more money from tithes and offerings to fund various ministries for our community outreach programs that help the homeless and needy. The church budget for 2026 is \$6 million. I trained others during my past volunteer work at organizations and homeless shelters in Chicago, Philadelphia, Houston, New York and Detroit.

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”-Ephesians 2:10

Good works are not what save us; rather, they are the evidence of God's saving grace and a planned part of the new life He gives believers. God not only created us for good works but also prepared those specific good works. This verse means believers are God's masterpiece created to do good deeds. As Christians and disciples, we must understand that God is our masterpiece for good works. We are created on earth for God’s purpose. We were created on earth to serve God's purpose by preaching and spreading the Gospel. People do not do that in our communities today and in this nation because there are too many people in this nation and our communities are takers. There are too many people in our community and nation that love the world and like living in sin. There are too many people in our communities living as tax collectors or mammon. Tithing is part of cheerful giving and worship.

I still need to practice making more decisions on heavenly wisdom. I was taught to stop thinking and making decisions too fast and quickly. When I do this, it puts me in bad economic situations in the past. When I find affordable housing in the past and present, I always end up in bad living situations. I ended up in shared room housing in bad environments with people that have mental health and anger programs, haters, instigators and envious people. I need to work on my contentment to God and be sure of myself. When I make decisions too fast and quickly, I need to work on my weak contentment and stop making decisions by leaning on my own understanding. That is a sin that I need to still work on and overcome in my life going forward. When I do many volunteering opportunities in the communities, I realized that I had the gifts in shepherding, prophecy, wisdom, teaching and exhortation. Pastor John Johnson in Houston told me in 2023 to continue to do what I am doing because I am spiritually unique and gifted to preach the Gospel and serve God as the rock of my salvation. When I was an undergraduate student in Chicago, I was unsure if I wanted to pursue a career to be a lawyer and go to law school. I realized I had skills to give back to the community and work within the church.