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The Latin root of the English word “vocation” is “vocare,” which means “to call.”

By whom?

For what reason?

CREATION | *coregents with the Creator*

And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth. “And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

[Genesis 1.28-31]

FALL | *enslaved by work*

[Genesis 3]

“You will not have a meaningful life without work, but you must not make your work the meaning of your life. To make any work—even ministry—your meaning in life is to create an idol.” (Timothy J. Keller, How do I relate to my work?)

REDEMPTION | *a renewed mandate*

- **How the gospel sets me free from the slavery of work.**

*Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. **[Matthew 11.28-30]***

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- **Value & Dignity**

*When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground. **[Psalm 104.30 cf 145, 147]***

- **Secular vs. Sacred - it’s all sacred.**

*So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. **[1 Corinthians 10.31]***

The glory of God means his ultimate importance, so in every area of life we must ask: “If God is the most important thing then how should I be conducting my business?”

RESTORATION | *the ultimate work of God*

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. **[Revelation 21.1]***

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