

A Creator's Calling: Part I

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New York

Past foundation, present wasteland
Brick confusion, slick illusion
Through tiled veins in tired rain
Concrete corridors seem the same
This is the sour sleepwalk greenback game

I think with all the neon sold
We paid the price of heart and soul
Faceless commerce turns the common city cold
And it sings lust and greed and things for me

Smoke-breathing people teeming
The busy grayscale heart is beating
My busy grayscale heart is bleeding
I befriend the sights and sounds
My skin encapsulates this town

I think with all the neon sold
We paid the price of heart and soul
Faceless commerce turns the common city cold
I'm captured by the lights and stores
My feet have known these streets before
Mindless commerce turns my common city cold
And I sing lust and greed and things for me

I need a central part like Central Park
New York looks like my heart
Now I see
Lust and greed replaced with green leaves on trees
Inside of me

Be

Man can be a machine
Man can get lost in little things
I wonder if wonder is a suit and tie
That takes to long to try on
Cause people spend themselves on schedules and swords
Until they're bankrupt and cannot afford to wonder
Hey wonder! Come and change our clothes
Remind us what we don't know

As I walk through
I just don't want to say the deed is done
I want to become

Life is like a feast
A banquet of breath for every thief
But love, then love is a main course food
That humans seldom choose

As I taste truth
I just don't want to have the answers up my sleeves
I want to believe
As I walk through
I just don't want to say the deed is done
I want to become

Sometimes

Sometimes cascading sunlight doesn't comfort us like it should
Sometimes the stars are scary and we ignore them (as if we could!)
Sometimes the unsettled settles tight
Sometimes I know that I'm not right
Sometimes, sometimes
Just breathing's alright

Sometimes love feels like a punch, not a kiss
And life feels like a burden, not a gift
Trust me, trust me, it is

Sometimes minor key movements
Teach our stumbling limbs how to dance
Then, in time, mistakes and missteps
Teach us how to laugh when we can't

Sometimes pockets of peace will make their mark
Sometimes, sometimes there's dawn after dark
Sometimes, sometimes, sometimes
Just breathing's alright

Sometimes hope breaks boldly through the mist
Or pain might be the only shoe that fits
But seasons seem to highlight what we missed
That life is full of good and perfect gifts
Trust me, trust me, it is

Day By Day

We were called
Quickly called
To a sudden relocation

So it falls
On us all
In a wispy realization
Where's the concrete revelation
Day by day

Life will land
In our hands
Whether packaged or in rainfall

So we can't hold
What unfolds
In a more convenient catch-all
You and I will learn how to crawl
Day by day

Loss & Gain

My brother Matthew likes to lose his way on purpose
Where roads less travelled lead to wonders undiscovered

I want to lose my way
I want to lose
I want to lose my way
I want to lose

My sister Jocelyn likes to squint across the bay
Scanning for answers to the tensions in her veins
Loss and gain

I want to lose my way
I want to lose
I want to lose my way
I want to lose
I want to lose (I'll find my way)
I want to lose (I'll find my way)
I want to lose (I'll find my way)
I want to lose (I'll find my way)

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Scriptural Framework: Genesis 1:26-31, Psalm 51:10-12, Ephesians 2:8-10, Romans 12, Colossians 3:16-17

Big Ideas:

- Creativity is highly valued in the kingdom of God and worship arts are integral to the life of the church. This is because art is an avenue for honesty, truth, and beauty to transform our lives.
- How do we know that creativity is highly valued in the kingdom?
 - The Biblical Narrative
 - Biblical poetry, songs, literary imagery and design
 - The Imago Dei (Image of God) in humanity
 - The Gifts of Jesus, the Spirit, and our response
- What we spend our lives on and what we spend our time making will reveal who or what we are worshipping.
- Two Types of Worship Art Responses
 - Every Jesus follower is both an artist and art in the kingdom of God, and God desires that the world would see the extravagant good news beauty in you.
 - This is the work that's empowered by the Spirit in every believers life.

- More specifically, worship arts are the tools crafted to help the whole community praise, surrender, lament and connect to Christ with honesty, truth, and beauty.
- The MBC Worship Arts team creatively contributes to the life of this local body by facilitating spaces where music, Scripture meditation, spoken word, poetry, video, drama, design, and all forms of art bring us together in humble awe and wonder of our Creator and inspire us to fulfill our mission of loving God and loving others. Through imagination, honesty, truth, beauty, and excellence, we desire to compel one another to continue worshipping our Creator with our whole lives.

Reflections:

- **What did you make this week?**
- **What will you humbly ask your Creator to make out of you this week?**
- **Or are you stuck in a consumer / spectator mindset?**

Recommended Reading:

- Art & Faith - Makoto Fujimura
- Adorning The Dark - Andrew Peterson
- The Liberated Imagination - Leland Ryken
- Mere Christianity - CS Lewis
- Every Moment Holy - Rabbit Room Press