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The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!

Psalm 118:16

Cru's
Creative 1
Media Team

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Creative Guild
in Chicago, IL



Creative Missionaries... and Coffee

Maybe because it was morning and I was still waking up, I could not help but think of coffee during one of our Cru Creative Guild meetings in October. Our main speaker was Scott C. Smith, a San Francisco based animation and film artist, technologist, and producer who has worked on just about every film any of us has ever seen (www.parablegroup.xyz is his website). He gave us a "picture" of our calling as creative missionaries.

Truth be told, many times "creatives" start to feel undervalued and underpowered or as if what we do does not matter. Scott's words of encouragement spoke life as he reminded us how God is the orchestrator of beauty. God's beauty is to bring glory to Himself and to draw many to Him in ways that nothing else can.

We were reminded in Exodus 31:3-5 (written out on the front page) how God's Spirit gives not only wisdom and ability, but also expertise in all kinds of crafts. God gave (and still gives) the ability to the master craftsman to be about the work He has specifically set out for them to do. Our overall Creative Lead, John Biddle, also pointed out the very first sentence in the Bible—Genesis 1:1—where God reveals the first thing about Himself: He is a Creator!

Back to the coffee.

In thinking of beauty during our sessions (I really was listening to the talks), I pictured going to a regular diner and ordering a coffee. It's mostly good, it has caffeine, and it has that coffee taste. Then I pictured going to a specialty coffee shop and receiving a beautifully designed coffee that is pleasing to the eyes, so much so with its flower floating around the cream on the top, I HAVE to take a photo of it to share with my friends! This coffee is made with crafted beans that taste smooth and satisfying and honestly, has the power to make me feel special. Nothing spared. In all ways, it's so worth it and satisfying to my soul.

God has given Rick and me abilities that no other missionary on our team has, only because he gives each of us unique gifts. We are so humbled that like the craftsmen in Exodus, God has a specific purpose for our abilities to be used to draw people to Himself, which satisfies our souls. For that, we are so humbled to be called a missionary. What is it that the Lord has purposed for you? We rejoice with you and pray you are finding your calling in this life that satisfies to your soul as well. ~Julie ■

