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**THEME: Masterpieces in the Age of the Selfie**

**MEMORY VERSE: "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."**

Ephesians 2:10 – NLT

- 1) Genuine faith can be thought of as our sixth sense; our supernatural sense.
  - a) Genuine faith allows us to believe and be convinced of that which cannot be detected by our five natural senses.
  - b) Genuine faith believes that within every believer is a masterpiece that God working on.
  - c) Genuine faith is convinced that within every believer is a person with outstanding purpose and potential for significance.

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- 2) The greatest challenge to becoming one of God's masterpiece is not what God has to work with.
  - a) The greatest challenge is the age and culture we're living in: the age of the "selfie."
  - b) In the age of the "selfie," our self-portraits are contrived images of ourselves that we want the world to see.
  - c) Therefore, our self-image, the mental picture of ourselves, is based on a collage of other people's selfies.

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3) We are true masterpieces, God's masterpieces.

a) We are not selfies; edited or not edited, filtered or not filtered; we're God's masterpieces.

b) We were created anew to accomplish the things he had planned for our lives before the creation of the world.

c) How do we become masterpieces in the age of the selfie?

i) Masterpieces refuse to be copies of the behavior and customs of this world.

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ii) Masterpieces refuse to be transformed by anyone but the Master.

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iii) Masterpieces are committed to knowing and reflecting the Master's will for their lives.

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### **Reflection and Discussion Questions**

1. If I were to ask you to construct a self-portrait composed completely of words, what words would you use to paint a verb image of yourself?

2. How has the age of the selfie or self-portrait influenced your self-image?

3. Why does God's word insist on us knowing that we're God's masterpiece and not copies of the world's behaviors and customs?