

WONDER LIFE

A NOT-SO-PERFECT GUIDE TO WHO YOU
ARE AND WHY YOU ARE HERE

I BELIEVE MY STORY MATTERS: BELOVED

“Now you are the body of Christ, and each of you is a part of it.” -1 Corinthians 12:27

Living the Wonderlife means who you say you are will never overshadow who God says you are.

Walking through a friend’s house, I saw a painting. It was an abstract of a bride. Her veil cascading down her back into a swirl of color. Behind her were words that colored my outlook on the Wonderlife forever.

“You are my bride...my Beloved.

**You feel shame...I see beauty.
You feel weak...I see strength.**

You feel wicked...I see holiness.

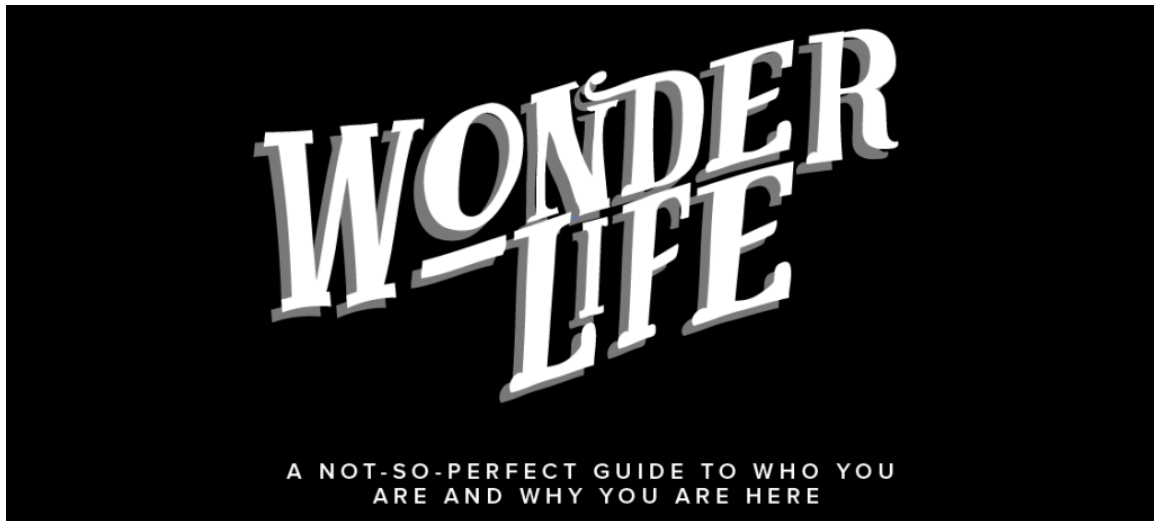
You feel timid...I see boldness.

You feel forgotten...I see the one I could NEVER forget...”

It made me realize that no matter what false identity we’ve decided to take on in life or lies we’ve chosen to believe about ourselves, we cannot change the extraordinary way God sees us. We can always decide to take off the weight of what we feel and put on our truest identity as a part of the body of Christ, His beloved, an adopted son or daughter.

This means we no longer have to hustle for our self-worth. We don’t need to prove anything to anyone anymore. We are not who others have told us we are. We’re not our accomplishments or our failures. We are “Beloved.”

**When you don’t know who you are, remember whose you are.
How do you feel right now? What does God see in you?**



I'M HONEST ABOUT MY OBSTACLES AND OPPORTUNITIES: SAILBOAT

“A man’s heart plans his ways, but the Lord directs his steps.” -Proverbs 16:9

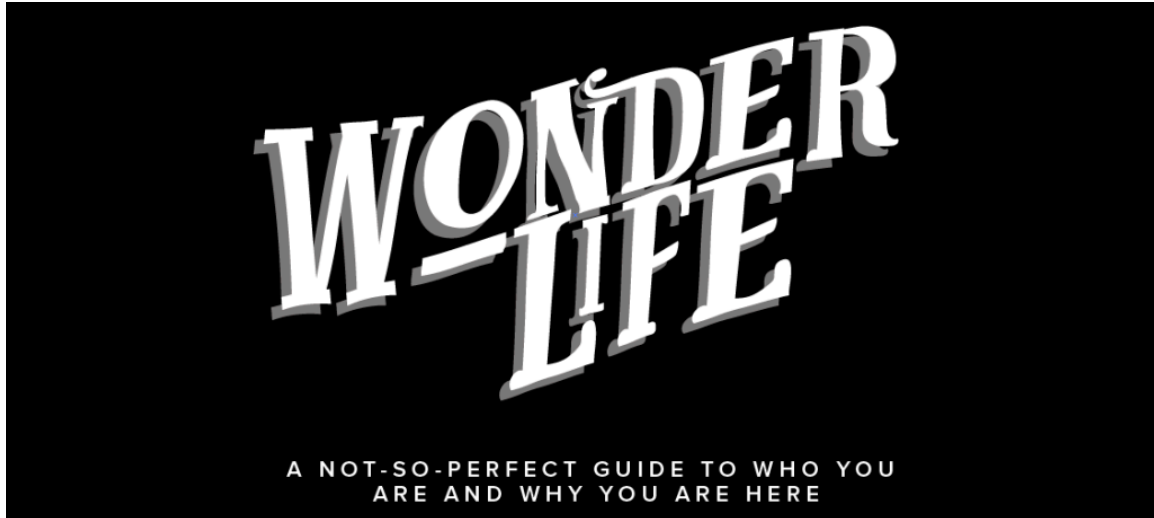
People tend to think life is like a car. If you have enough gas, and a map you can get wherever you want. Destination is all about determination.

But life is more like a sailboat. You can have a destination in mind, but you have to go where the wind takes you. Once you raise the sails, then you get to steer the boat. Sometimes the wind is at your back and it’s easy. Other times the wind is against you. But good sailors know that if you angle the boat slightly you can still catch the wind and move forward.

In the end, life is not so much about the destination, but the journey. It’s less about getting where you want to go and more about enjoying where the Wind-giver takes you.

Have you had more of a car or sailboat outlook on life? How can you better enjoy where God is taking you?

You might also be interested in [“Creator or Spectator.”](#)



I AM FULLY PRESENT IN MY LIFE: SNOOZE

"Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." -Ephesians 5:14

The alarm goes off in the morning. You're not quite ready to wake up. Out of those warm snuggly sheets, you raise your hand into the heartless air and hit the most glorious of all inventions: the snooze button. Hallelujah for eight more minutes of shut eye and denial that the reality of a new morning exists.

But as many times as you hit that snooze button, eventually you have to wake up. You have to put your feet on the floor and start your day. The snoozing has to stop.

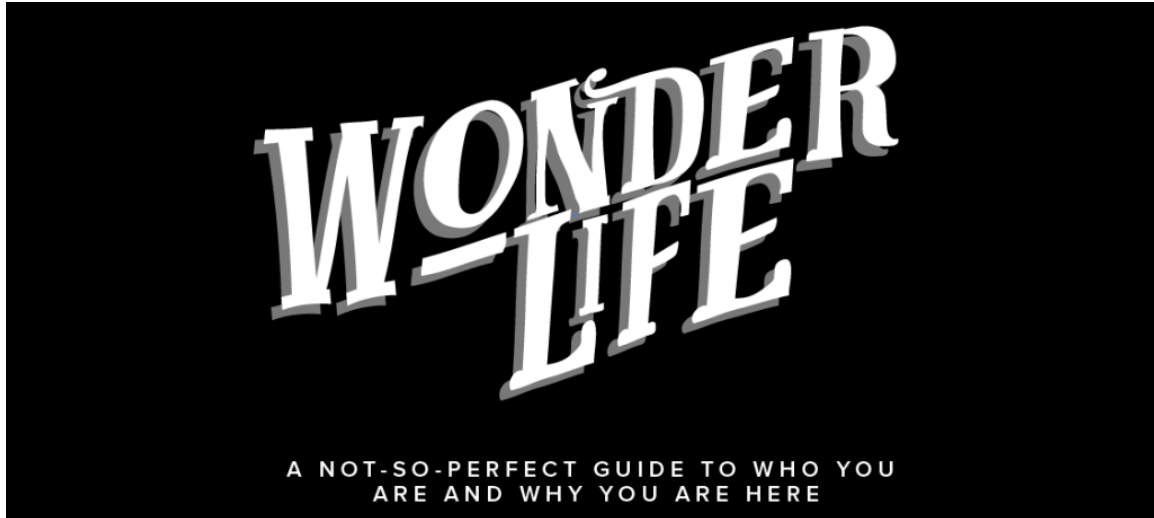
Unfortunately this habit of hitting the snooze button has gone beyond just sleep and carried over into our daily living. Any nudging from God, a conversation starting to go beyond surface level, or a feeling that we need to forgive or do a random act of kindness and bam... we hit snooze. While the risk to love others and serve God seems enticing, it's way more comfortable to stay wrapped up in our warm, snuggly comfort zone.

While the world out there may seem cold and exhausting, God is shaking you. He wants to wake you up to the wonder of living life to the fullest. He desires for you to discover your calling in your world and make an impact on others.

You can't find out what you were created to do if you're not doing anything. So, wake up sleeper! God has so much in store for you today.

Where in your life have you been hitting the snooze button? What is God shaking you awake for?

[People of the Second Chance](#) is guided by this lofty ideal: that each person on earth deserves a second chance.



I'M UNASHAMED ABOUT WHAT I LOVE AND CARE ABOUT: MASKS

“For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” -1 Samuel 16:7

Driving down the highway, I passed a billboard of a Chick-fil-a advertisement. A cow was standing in a chicken mask in front of the words “U wanna piece of me?” While the cow was trying it’s best to pretend it be a chicken, it was very clear it wasn’t. Cow spots and a large bovine body were blatantly showing underneath the bird and beak facade.

In the same way a cow can’t put on a mask and become a chicken, we can’t pretend to be someone else. Try as we might to disguise our authentic self, our true spots will show. We’ll always feel like we’re missing out when we’re wearing a mask because God can’t bless the fake version of us.

So take off the mask and get honest! What do you really care about? Who are you underneath it all? When you become the real you, you’ll start to hear God’s voice saying, “Hey you... yeah you. Come here. I have a little thing only you can do.”

You are here to live a life that makes your heart come alive. And the world won’t be complete until you do.

So here’s to smaller callings and freer hearts. God loves the weird that makes you authentic and wonderful.

What mask do you need to take off?

[Find freedom to be yourself through “Freeway,” our first “not so perfect guide.”](#)