

Chaplain Reflection – July 27-Aug 2, 2026

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Recently I heard someone say that every person is foundationally looking for 3 things: Identity, Belonging, and Purpose. I believe that to be true.

I believe that is one of the reasons the bonds of policework are so strong because you can find all 3 of those things as an officer or member of the police department. The thing is, even though this is a great thing – when we base our identity, our purpose and belonging in what we do – it becomes very unsettling when we don't do that thing anymore; whether its due to retirement, injury, transfers, or something else outside of our hands.

That's true of all of us, police department or not. When we find our identity, belonging and purpose in something that's ultimately temporary we discover that it can't be our ultimate identity or purpose.

There is a verse in Ephesians, where the Apostle Paul is telling his readers where they find their ultimate identity, belonging, and purpose. When we recognize this – what we do will flow from it.

The verse is Ephesians 2:10 “For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

He begins with **Belonging** – “we” that’s all of us

Identity – God’s handiwork – some translations use “masterpiece.” The idea is you are designed by God.

Purpose – to do good works that God has prepared you to do.

Your purpose very may well involve policing, and I thank God that he has wired you for it. .But you will find that the ultimate fulfillment will come from resting in the identity that you are God’s handiwork. That He has made you and has plans for you.

As you fulfill your duty be encouraged that your true identity will never change.

I’m thankful for you and your service to our community. I want you to know that there is a team of chaplains that are holding you in prayer and want to encourage and support you. If you ever need to contact us, maybe just for a confidential prayer. You can call or text **816-726-7729**

That number is manned by the chaplain on call – and when it comes to our phones, it comes from the number I just posted, so we don't have your number unless you want to give it to us. May you be filled with peace as you fulfill your divine calling.

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