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Psalm 130:1-8

One of my professors at Seminary said, "God has one plan for the redemption of the world: The Body Plan. And there is no ?Plan B.'" We were talking about the role of God's people in the world. The professor's point was that to redeem the world, God does what He's always done: He uses real, live, flesh-and-blood people. Christ as fully God and fully human, walking around first-century Palestine was the Cornerstone and example for how we are to live.

When God forgives us, He does not leave us to spend the rest of our lives sitting there basking in our newfound forgiveness. We are called to serve Him. When God, out of His limitless love, grace, and mercy, forgives us, we are called to respond. That response happens in our place?our world?in our communities, schools, workplaces, and families. We are called to live-out God's love as we interact with those around us. As we fulfill that call, we discover the Body Plan includes us.

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