FULL RESTORATION
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Isaiah 43:11—"I, even I, am the Lord, and apart from me there is no savior."

We worship God with our best resources because God has provided what we need the most, salvation: "Apart from me there is no savior." And His salvation embraces all aspects of life; in Him, there is full redemption.

This was the experience of a man named Roger. His dad was a fisherman, and his mother died during his early childhood. Roger coped fairly well because of the love and support of his dad until something terrible happened. While at sea, his dad had to climb to the top of the mast. He fell into the water and was never found. At the age of 14, Roger became an orphan with no one to pay his school fees. He became partially homeless, spending some nights at some relatives' homes, some nights sleeping in fishing boats by the sea, and other nights sleeping in trees! He would steal raw vegetables from people's gardens to fill his empty stomach. He was so poor that he had to wear all three pairs of his pants, one on top of the other, to cover himself. To escape this harsh reality, he started drinking alcohol, and rapidly he became a heavy drinker. But one day, Roger heard about the gospel and accepted Jesus as his Savior. His life was transformed. He was healed of his painful emotions, quit drinking alcohol, settled in a job, ran his own business, grew a happy family, owned a house, sent his kids to school, and lived with a life's purpose of introducing others to His Savior.

In response to the exceptional redemption he experienced, among other things, Roger decided to worship God by faithfully returning his tithe and offerings until he died. What has the Savior accomplished in your existence? This week, as we worship with our tithe and regular offerings, called Promise, let us show an appropriate response to His salvation.

PRAYER

Lord, we are thankful for the complete salvation provided to us and to Roger. Help us to worship You with our transformed life and our generosity with our resources.