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**Local Conference Advance**

A member moved into his new home. The house had wall-to-wall carpet. He never thought of what might be underneath the carpet.

Then one day, as he looked into one of his children's rooms, he noticed a partial lift in the carpet. He looked closer and found rich oak wood flooring underneath. He could not believe his eyes.

When he removed the rug from that room, he discovered that all the wood floor needed was a little sanding and a fresh coat of Poly. The ordinary room was transformed into a majestic room. Room by room, he removed the rugs to reveal the hidden beauty. Within weeks, the entire home changed into a mansion.

Today, you and I are born in sin. The world tries to cover us in an attempt to make us feel beautiful while ignoring the fact that underneath is God's creation.

Our Lord sees us as His workmanship. His goal is to restore us to our original luster. He wants us to become elegant, rich in tone, and unique in design. When we place our lives into His hands, He removes the layers of sin and pain and recreates us into His image.

The Bible says, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10

By your gift today, the gospel message can open new doors to let hope and transformation touch the lives of others.