



BEULAH FIRST BAPTIST

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Focus: GIFTED – Discovering Your Gift. Finding Your Place. Serving with Purpose.

Week 3: Find Your Place – Every Gift Belongs Somewhere

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Primary Texts: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27, Ephesians 4:11-16

Supporting Texts: 1 Peter 4:10–11; Exodus 31:1–6

Introduction: Last week we learned to recognize how God works through us. This week we move from **recognition to placement**. Knowing your gift is not the finish line. God has placed us within the Body so that what He has given us can benefit others and contribute to the work of the whole Body.

WORKING DEFINITION: A spiritual gift is a grace-given expression of the Holy Spirit working through a believer for the benefit of others and the purposes of God.

CENTRAL TRUTH: God did not give you a gift without also giving your gift **somewhere** to serve.

1. GOD PLACED YOU IN THE BODY ON PURPOSE

1 Corinthians 12:18: “But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.” - Paul describes the Church as **one Body with many members**. A hand, eye, foot, or ear has a particular function, but that function makes sense because it is connected to the Body. In the same way, our gifts were never intended to operate independently.

Question: Where has God already placed me where what He has given me can benefit others?

Truth to See: My gift makes the most sense in relationship to the Body.

2. KNOW WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN YOU

Finding your place requires understanding that a spiritual gift is **not the same thing as a talent, skill, or experience**, but God can use all of them.

WHAT GOD CAN USE	WHAT IT MEANS
Spiritual Gift	How the Holy Spirit works through me for the benefit of others.
Talent	A natural ability or aptitude.
Skill	An ability learned and developed.
Experience	What life has prepared me to understand or do.
Burden	People or needs that consistently move me toward action.

Exodus 31:1–5: Bezalel shows us that God's Spirit, wisdom, ability, knowledge, and craftsmanship can come together for God's purposes.

Truth to See: Everything God has given you is not a spiritual gift, but everything surrendered to God can be used for His purposes.

3. FIT AND SEASON MATTER

Romans 12:3–8

Having a gift does not mean **every opportunity involving that gift is your assignment**. Finding your place requires prayer, discernment, and wisdom.

CONSIDER	ASK
Gift	Does this allow me to use how God has gifted me?
Burden	Am I genuinely moved by these people or this purpose?
Affirmation	Do others recognize effectiveness or potential here?
Fruit	Does my service actually benefit and build others?
Season	Can I faithfully carry this in my present season?

Truth to See: Every need is important, but every need is not necessarily my assignment.

4. THE GIFTS NEED EACH OTHER

1 Corinthians 12:21–27

God did not design our gifts to function alone. Paul uses the Body to show that every member has something to contribute **and every member needs what others contribute**.

We need each other — v. 21. No part of the Body can say to another, “I have no need of thee.”

We are all necessary — v. 22. Even the parts that seem weaker are necessary to the Body.

We support each other — vv. 23–26. God designed the Body so that its members care for one another, suffer together, and rejoice together.

We need every part — v. 27. We are collectively the Body of Christ and individually members of it.

Truth to See: God did not give any one of us everything the Body needs. He designed us to need what He has placed in each other.

5. FIND YOUR PLACE BY SERVING

1 Peter 4:10: “...even so minister the same one to another...”

You do not have to know your lifetime assignment before taking your next faithful step. We often discover where we fit **while we are serving**, watching for fruit, listening to affirmation, recognizing where our burden persists, and seeing how our contribution strengthens others.

Question to Ask: Where can I begin, continue, or explore serving with what God has given me?

Truth to See: Sometimes you find your place by faithfully serving until the place becomes clear.