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Followers of Jesus are **SHAPed to complete a God-sized task.**
Let's discover how every Christian can find fulfillment by serving the King & His kingdom, in the unique way God has SHAPed us.

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VISUAL NOTES

SHAPE: Spiritual Gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality, Experiences.

Every person in here is different. Like a fingerprint or DNA, God has SHAPed you to serve in a unique way.

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SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1 Peter 4:10-11 (NIV)

Each of you should **use whatever gift you have received to serve others**, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms...**so that** in all things **God may be praised** through Jesus Christ.

Check out the past teachings on our website: **FOM.life**

HEART - What do you LOVE to do?

Your **HEART** represents the things you LOVE to do, the things that you are passionate about.

That might include: *Sports, Shopping, Camping, Hunting, Fishing, Farming, Fixing Stuff, Motorcycles or Automobiles, Arts & Crafts, Cooking, Hospitality (Having Others at your Home), Playing Music, Yard Work, Serving Others.*

"How could God use THAT?"

- Joining others in these activities helps in building friendships, and leading to significant conversations.

ABILITIES - What are you SKILLED at doing?

Abilities aren't just things you enjoy, but things you are SKILLED at.

Some Scriptural examples include

- skilled hunters (Esau Gen 25:27), shepherds (Joseph's brothers in Egypt Gen 47:6), loggers (1 Kings 5:6), skilled metal workers (1 Kings 7:14), craftsmen (stonecutters, masons, carpenters, artists) to build & craft the tabernacle and the temple (2 Chronicles 2:13-14).
- Women skilled as mid-wives helped birth many generations of babies (Gen 35:17; 38:28), even protecting babies from being killed by Pharaoh (Ex 1:17-21).
- Weavers & designers of clothing (Ex 26:1; 28:23, 39) helped make clothing for priests and curtains for the tabernacle and temple.
- Musicians like David (whose music would help King Saul relax when he was troubled.)
- **Kenaniah** lead other skilled singers and musicians to use their abilities to honor Yahweh (1 Chron 15:27-28) as the Ark of the Covenant was moved back to Jerusalem.
- Instrumentalists & singers served at the temple who were ***"trained and skilled in music for the LORD"*** (1 Chr 25:6-7).

- After rebuilding the temple, Nehemiah notes **245 male and female singers** (Neh 7:67) assigned to lead people in worship to Yahweh at the temple.
- In the New Testament - **fishermen** who knew how to sail the Sea of Galilee - whom Jesus called as disciples who sailed Him from town to town.
- **Paul, Aquila and Priscilla** who use their **tent-making** ability not only to make a living, but a tool that allowed them to share Jesus in places like Corinth. **Aquila and Priscilla** later moved to Rome and used their home for the church to meet in (Rom 16:3-5).
- Likewise, **Lydia**, a woman who was a **dealer in purple cloth** (Lydia Act 16:14), used her home (provided by her abilities), as a missionary home for Paul and Silas in Phillipi.

② How might God used your **ABILITIES** to honor Him & bless other people?

✗ Abilities without God are just **talents**.

✓ Abilities WITH God are **tools** for ministry.

Do you see how God has used His people to accomplish His task in the past? So too...

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PERSONALITY - How are WIRED to work?

4 Personality Profiles

- **LIONS** - fast paced, task oriented - decisive, self-starters who are goal-driven and competitive. Often blunt, impatient, and poor listeners who can view projects more important than people.
 - **OTTERS** - fast paced, people oriented - enthusiastic, personal, and fun-loving. Tend to be be disorganized, too talkative, and impulsive - without thinking through the necessary details.
 - **GOLDEN RETRIEVERS** - slow paced & people oriented, who are patient, team players, compassionate, loyal, & supportive. Likely to avoid confrontation when needed, sacrifice results for the sake of harmony, & indecisive.
 - **BEAVERS** - slow paced, task oriented folks who are detail oriented, orderly, thorough, and analytical. Can also be too critical on others and on ourselves, perfectionists who are overly cautious and overly sensitive.
- * Some have a mix of a couple of those personality types.

EXPERIENCES - What have you been through?

Experience is the great teacher & God uses our experiences to shape us into followers of Jesus able to minister to others.

- God uses the **joyful experiences**: a wedding, a baby, a friendship.
- God gives us **spiritual experiences**: the times you can sense His Presence as He has been so near.
- And God doesn't waste the **painful experiences**: our past mistakes, when death visits our door, even the times we have been injured by others.

Romans 8:28-29 (CSB)

We know that **all things work together for the good of those who love God**, who are called according to His purpose. For those He foreknew He also predestined **to be conformed to the image of His Son...**

Not all things are good, but all of our **experiences** - good & bad - are intended to cause us **to be conformed to the image of Jesus**.

- How do we learn patience, if not for moments when things don't go as quick as we want them to?
- How do we learn to forgive others, if no one sins against us?
- How do we learn to live for what is eternal, if there was no death, no break-downs, and no disappointments?

PAUL'S SHAPE

Paul's Spiritual Gift

2 Timothy 1:11 (NET)

For this gospel I was appointed a preacher and apostle and **teacher**.

Paul's Heart

Romans 15:20 (NIV)

It has always been **my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known**, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation.

Paul's Abilities

Acts 18:2-4 (NIV)

Paul went to see them [Aquila & Priscilla], and because **he was a tentmaker** as they were, he stayed and worked with them. Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

Paul's Personality

Galatians 1:11-17 (NIV)

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.

For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, **how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it**. I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was **extremely zealous** for the traditions of my fathers. But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son in me **so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being**. I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus.

Before Paul met Jesus he was driven to do what he thought pleased God. After he was saved and knew what pleased God, he set the pace for the race. He didn't wait on the approval of others, but followed Jesus quickly.

Paul's Experiences

Philippians 1:12-14 (NCV)

I want you brothers and sisters to know that **what has happened to me has helped to spread the Good News**. All the palace guards and everyone else knows that I am in prison because I am a believer in Christ. **Because I am in prison, most of the believers have become more bold in Christ** and are not afraid to speak the word of God.

Paul is THANKFUL for his experience in prison as he sees this as an opportunity to share with the prison guards and other inmates. Further, because of Paul's fearlessness, the Christians were encouraged to be bold for Jesus.

- Paul had many **joyful experiences** with His Christian brothers & sisters.
- Paul's **spiritual experiences**: Salvation from Jesus on road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-20); Miraculous release from prison (Acts 16:25-34); Special vision of heaven (2 Cor. 12:2-7).
- Paul's **painful experiences**: Paul participated in stoning Stephen (Acts 8:1 - he later realized was a murderous mistake); In prison multiple times, flogged 5 times, stoned and left for dead, beaten up many times, experienced 3 shipwrecks, went without sleep, food, shelter, or clothes (2 Cor. 11:23-27); Experienced demonic torment (2 Cor. 12:7)

Experiences Aren't Just For You

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NIV)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, Who comforts us in all our troubles, so **that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God**.

- God allows us to go through some tough times in the present so that we can more effectively care for others in the future. Your name is in their little book, and when the time comes, they will need your ministry.

Feet to Faith

1. Complete your Spiritual Gifts Inventory & SHAPE Profile.

- Get a copy to Jackie (Jackie@fom.life 850-673-1582) or Christy (Christy@fom.life 850-673-9764)

2. Show up NEXT SUNDAY: Connections Sunday - stories of folks plugging into ministry & relationships.



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Have questions and need some help? ...real soon...how about now? Please **call** or **text** us soon!

- * Contact **Jackie** (850-673-1582), **Christy** (850-673-9764), or another follower of Jesus soon!
- * Or call our **deacons & wives**: Alan & Christy Androski (850-464-1428), Freddy & Joyce Howard (850-973-0047), Tim & Joni Hughey (850-464-1156), Mark & Dot Mancil (850-253-5405), Boss & Amelia Mulkey (850-464-6717), Jim & Derita Pinkard (850-464-6188), or Tom & Martha Waddail (850-973-0011).

discussionquestions

Take some time to discuss these questions with your family, friends, or group.

1. What challenged or encouraged you most from today's teaching? You might need to look back in your notes to help explain your answer.
2. **Take some time to fill out your Spiritual Gifts Discovery & SHAPE Profile.** Then share your responses with your group, family, or friend(s). This will take a lot of time, and it will be well worth it. Use the QR codes (above) - to open tests - then PRINT them and fill them out.
3. What other questions has this teaching or discussion prompted for us to talk about?
4. **Share prayer needs and pray for one another.**