

Shaped for Service: A Life of Purpose

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Explore how your nature and your story equips you uniquely for service and discipleship
Learn how to make the most of your personal strengths, passions, spiritual gifts, talents, and training/vocation to better serve others
Understand how you are designed to fit with others as parts of the Body of Christ, that we may effectively “be Jesus” to the world!

Keys to Unlocking How and Where You Fit



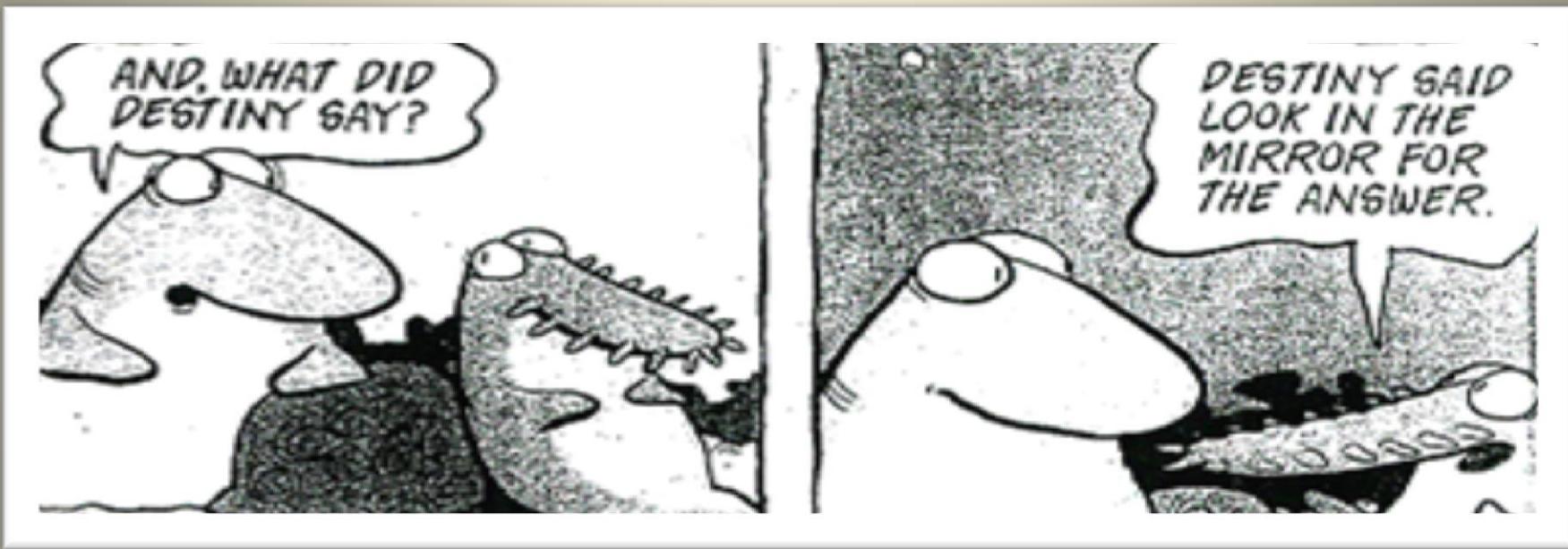


STILL HUNG UP
ABOUT YOUR
CAREER PATH,
BRUCE?

I THINK
I'VE HAD A
BREAK-
THROUGH.

REALLY?

YEAH. YOU KNOW,
IT'S ALL ABOUT
LISTENING TO THE
CALL OF DESTINY.



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SO I DID. AND THAT'S WHEN
IT HIT ME. I'M UNIQUE.

I WAS BORN TO DO ONE
THING, AND I SHOULDN'T
FIGHT IT ANYMORE.

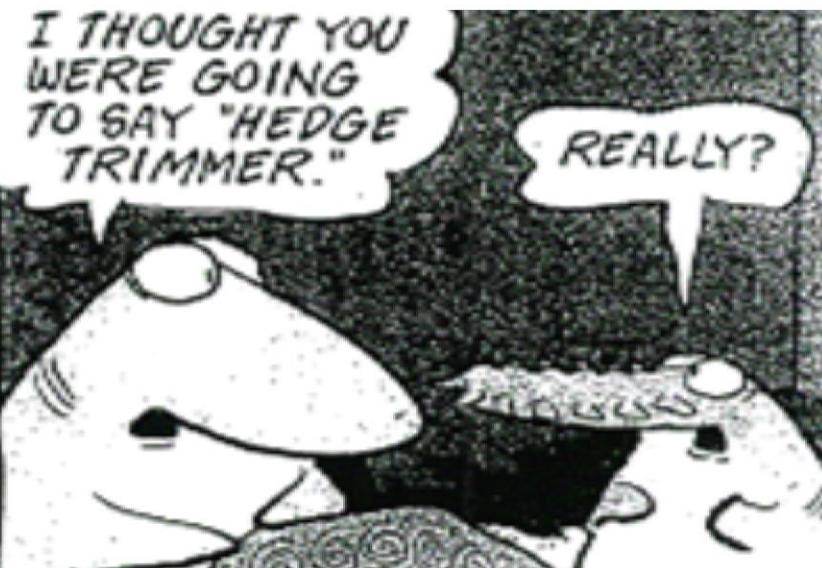
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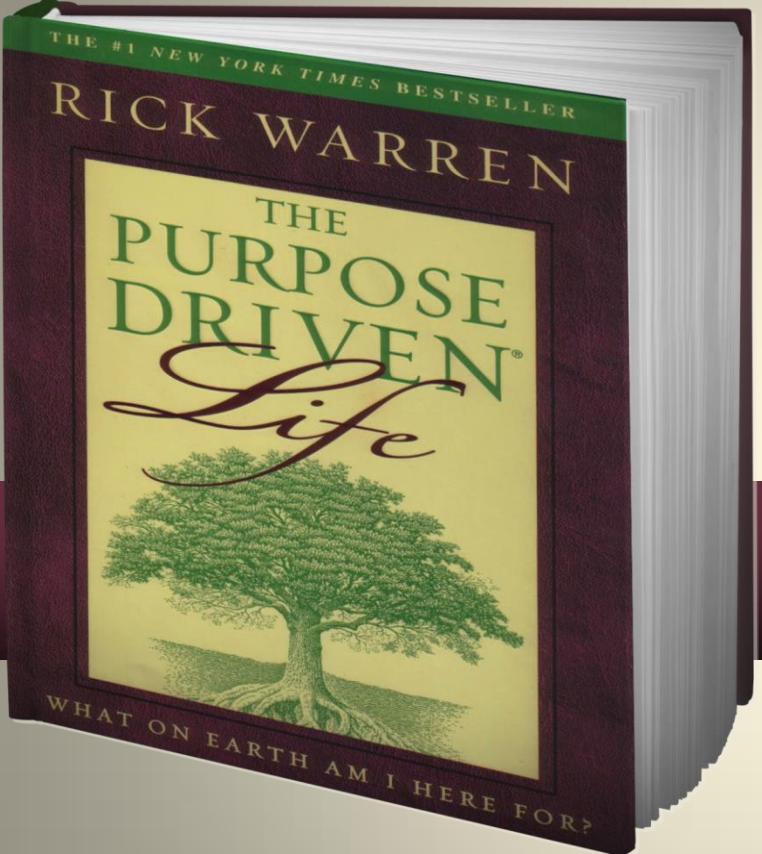
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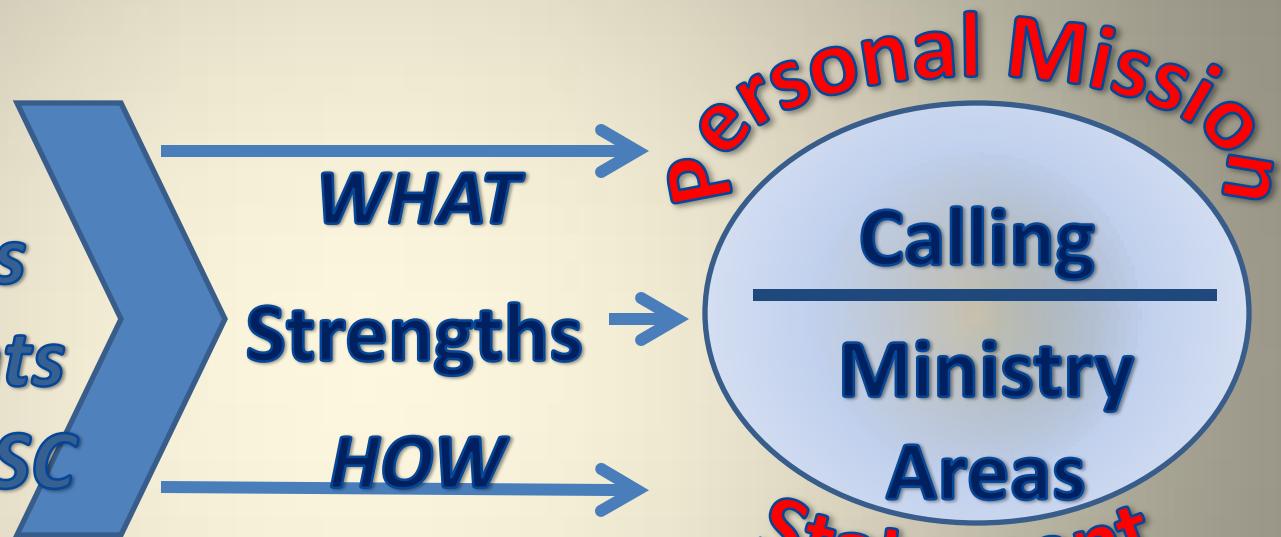
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Experiences in
Life • Story
Psalm 139:13-16
Ephesians 2:10



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Psalm 139:13-16

O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

² You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

³ You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.

⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

⁷ Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?

⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,"

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- ¹³ For you formed my inward parts;
 you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
- ¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.^[a]
 Wonderful are your works;
 my soul knows it very well.
- ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you,
 when I was being made in secret,
 intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
- ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed substance;
 in your book were written, every one of them,
 the days that were formed for me,
 when as yet there was none of them.
- ¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!
 How vast is the sum of them!

Psalm 139:13-16

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart!

Try me and know my thoughts! [c]

²⁴ And see if there be any grievous way in me,

I Peter 2:21 and lead me in the way everlasting!

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that **you should follow** in his steps.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are his workmanship,

created in Christ Jesus to do good works,

which God prepared in advance for us to do.

“that we should walk in them”

Philippians 2

2 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion,² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Philippians 2

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⁶ Who, being in very nature^[a] God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used
to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature^[b] of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death—

even death on a cross!

Philippians 2

⁵ ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ **for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.**

Spiritual Gifts

Heart • Passions

Abilities • Talents

Personality • DISC

Experiences in

God is the

Purposeful Author...

We were created,
saved, and purposed
in the Body of Christ-
all for God's glory

The Four Components of Your Story

Heritage

What family, ethnic or geographic factors have influenced you? How? Why?

High Points

What experiences did you especially enjoy? What did you enjoy about them?
What did you do well?

Hard Times

What experiences were especially difficult or painful? Why?

Heroes

What relationships played a major role in influencing your character or shaping your direction (+ or -)? How? Why?

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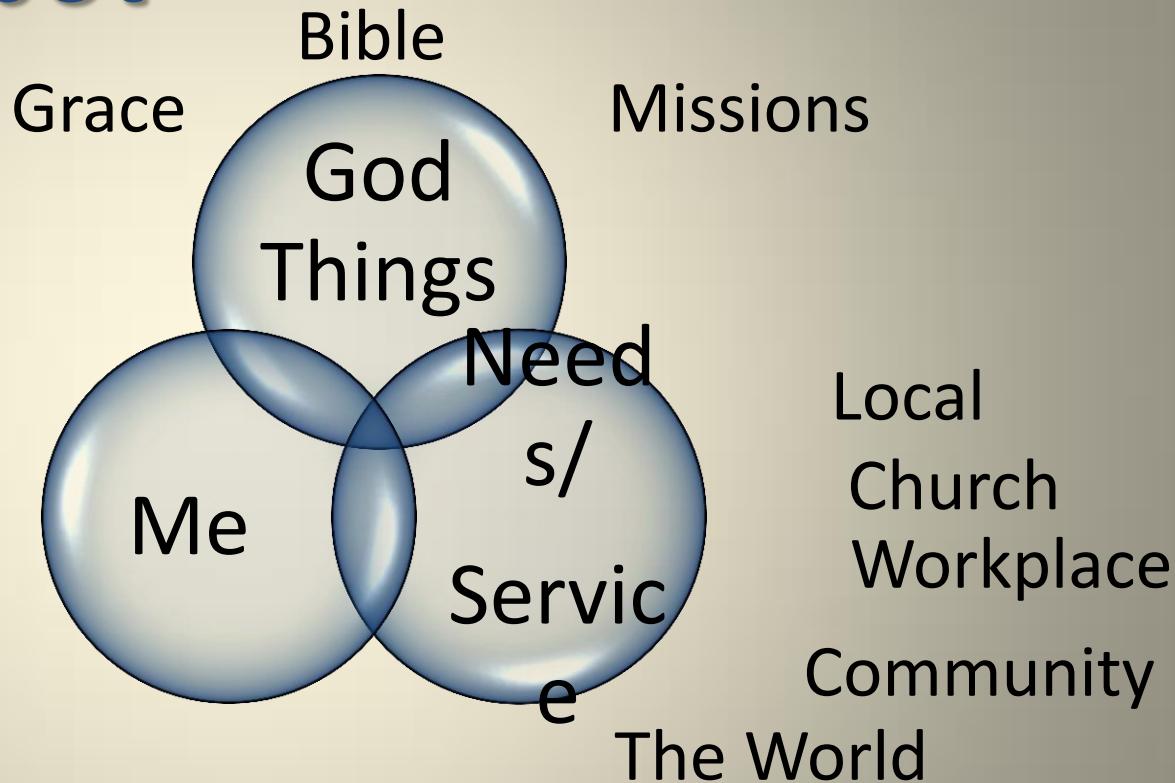
The Sweet Spot?
**“This is who I
was created
to be!”**

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The Sweet Spot

S H A P E
Spiritual Growth
Story/Journey



*“Don’t ask yourself what the world
needs. Ask yourself what makes you
come alive and then go do that.
Because what the world needs is
people who have come alive.”*

- Howard Thurman, early 20th Century
African American Theologian

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