

SERMON NOTES



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“Our ministry is to model to the world how Christ would love, give, unite and respond.”

2 Timothy 1:9 (AMP)

⁹For He delivered us and saved us and called us with a holy calling [a calling that leads to a consecrated life—a life set apart—a life of purpose], not because of our works [or because of any personal merit—we could do nothing to earn this], but because of His own purpose and grace [His amazing, undeserved favor] which was granted to us in Christ Jesus before the world began [eternal ages ago].

- Your ministry matters and fulfills the vision God has given to the church.
- God wired you for a work.
- God designed you for a divine plan.
- God gives satisfaction – the world only gives things.

Satisfaction in God Comes From:

1. Knowing why you are here.
2. Knowing what God wants you to do.
3. Fulfilling God’s purpose for your life.

Every Person Has a Calling of:

1. Salvation
 2. Service
- We are called to give and contribute through our abilities, skills, gifts and talents.
 - You matter!
 - You are significant!
 - You are called!

How to Find Your Ministry:

1. Discover it!

- What are you good at?
- What do you enjoy to do?
- Where do you get results and increase?
- How you are wired is connected to your work.
- Explore who you are and find your destiny.

2. Accept it!

- Be who God created you to be.
- God made us for a mission and a ministry.
- Build on your strength that leads you to your destiny.

3. Use it!

- Build the local church.
- Advance the Kingdom of God.
- Glorify God.
- When you use your calling – you are blessed!

I Peter 4:10 (TLB)

¹⁰ God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings.

4. Own it!

- Own your ministry first.
- Stop running from your past - embrace it.
- God wants to use your experiences.

5. Turn it!

- Turn your life and ministry over to God.
- Through God's mercy, He will turn everything around for your good.
- God is by your side when you go through hard times.

2 Corinthians 1:3 – 4 (MSG)

³⁻⁵ All praise to the God and Father of our Master, Jesus the Messiah! Father of all mercy! God of all healing counsel! He comes alongside us when we go through hard times, and before you know it, he brings us alongside someone else who is going through hard times so that we can be there for that person just as God was there for us. We have plenty of hard times that come from following the Messiah, but no more so than the good times of his healing comfort—we get a full measure of that, too.

Discussion Questions:

1. How do you find your ministry?
2. What is your ministry to model?
3. How has your life been impacted and changed through using your ministry in the local church?