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UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

21 DAYS OF PRAYER + FASTING — ends today

Today marks the final day of our 21 Days of Prayer + Fasting, and what a holy journey it has been. As we close this season, we don't do so by stepping away from prayer—but by carrying forward what God has been stirring in us. We've quieted our appetites, reordered our attention, and made room for Holy Spirit to speak, heal, and align our hearts with heaven. The same God who met us in the hunger, the waiting, and the surrender will continue to meet us in our everyday rhythms. May we leave this season more attentive to His voice, more dependent on His presence, and more expectant of His power at work in us and through us. Let's keep walking—prayerful, surrendered, and full of faith for what God is still unfolding among us.

MY GOLDEN VALENTINE: FEBRUARY OUTREACH — Due Thursday, February 5

My Golden Valentine is a simple, meaningful outreach inviting our church family to share the love of Jesus with seniors living in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. By creating or donating Valentine's cards with kind, encouraging messages (or a short Bible verse), we can remind elderly residents—many of whom have limited visitors—that they are seen, valued, and loved. All cards should be turned in to Destiny by Thursday, February 5, so they can be delivered together to 107.1 KSLT for distribution.

GIFTED (SPIRITUAL GIFTS CLASSES) — Monthly Class starting TODAY: 100-6:00 pm

*Holy Spirit has provided each of us with spiritual gifts that we can use to bless others. Join us as we explore these gifts and grow in our capacity to partner with Holy Spirit in their use. Join **monthly** on the **4th Sunday, (Jan. 25, Feb. 22, Mar. 22, and Apr. 26)** from **1:00-6:00 pm** or on **Wednesday nights** from **6:00-8:00 pm**. Both classes will be led by Pastor Valerie in the office building.*

MEN'S BREAKFAST — Saturday, Feb. 7, 9:00 am

Join us for a morning of food, fellowship, some worship, and prayer. This event is free. Donations are welcome.

28TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION — Sunday, March 8

Destiny is turning 28! Join us as we celebrate 28 years of life-change, ministry, and God's faithfulness—Destiny style, with birthday fun, donuts, balloons, and plenty of celebration. We're excited to welcome Quincy Goodstar as our special guest speaker! 

MESSAGE NOTES

01.25.26 | GIFTED, Part 4: How God Shaped You

GOD SHAPES OUR HEART

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. Ephesians 2:10 NASB

1. God shaped your _____ on purpose. What moves you? What breaks you? What energizes you? What can you not care about?

Delight yourself in the Lord; And He will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4 NASB

- *But his delight is in the Law of the Lord... Psalm 1:2a NASB*
- *...but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.... Romans 12:2b NASB*
- *For it is God who is at work in you, both to desire and to work for His good pleasure. Philippians 2:13 NASB*

When God becomes your _____, your joys begin to look like _____.

Now when I heard these words, I sat down and wept and mourned for days... Nehemiah 1:4a NASB

KEY TRUTH: Your heart is not a _____; it's likely a _____.

GOD USES THE ABILITIES HE HAS ALREADY ENTRUSTED

2. God gave you _____ for a reason. They are the things you pick up naturally, that you learn quickly, and the things that you do competently. Some are spiritual. Some are practical. Some are learned. Some are instinctive.

And I have filled him with the Spirit of God in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all kinds of craftsmanship, to create artistic designs for work in gold, in silver, and in bronze, and in the cutting of stones for settings, and in the carving of wood, so that he may work in all kinds of craftsmanship. Exodus 31:3-5 NASB

As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the multifaceted grace of God. 1 Peter 4:10 NASB

KEY TRUTH: God rarely asks you to ignore your abilities; He asks you to _____ them.

GOD DESIGNED YOUR PERSONALITY ON PURPOSE

3. God was intentional when He wired your _____.

However, since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us... Romans 12:6a NASB

KEY TRUTH: God doesn't call us to become someone else; He calls us to trust Him _____ ourselves.

- *But now God has arranged the parts, each one of them in the body, just as He desired. 1 Corinthians 12:18 NASB*
- *I will give thanks to You, because I am awesomely and wonderfully made... Psalm 139:14a NASB*
- *Stop striving and know that I am God... Psalm 46:10a NASB*

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WEEK 4: SHAPE WORKSHEET

How God Shaped Me: Heart • Abilities • Personality

HOW TO USE THIS ASSESSMENT

"For You created my innermost parts; You wove me in my mother's womb." **Psalm 139:13 NASB**

This worksheet is not a test and not something to rush through. It's an invitation to reflect, listen, and notice how God has already been at work in shaping you. Take your time. Pray as you write. There are no wrong answers.

PART 1: HEART

WHAT GOD HAS PLACED INSIDE ME

Your **Heart** reflects the things that move you, burden you, energize you, or refuse to let you go.

1. What do you care deeply about?

(What stirs compassion, excitement, anger, or passion in you?)

2. What situations, people, or needs tend to grab your attention?

3. When have you felt a holy burden — something you couldn't ignore?

Reflection Prayer:

God, help me recognize the burdens You've placed on my heart — not as pressure, but as an invitation.

PART 2: ABILITIES

WHAT GOD HAS ENTRUSTED TO ME

Your **Abilities** include skills, talents, experiences, and strengths you've developed over time. Some came naturally. Others were learned through effort, failure, or practice.

4. What are you naturally good at? (Both inside and outside the church)

5. What skills or abilities have others noticed or affirmed in you?

6. What do you enjoy doing so much that you lose track of time?

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PART 3: PERSONALITY

HOW GOD WIRED ME TO ENGAGE THE WORLD

Your **Personality** affects how you lead, serve, relate, recharge, and communicate. God did not overlook this when He made you.

7. Where do you tend to draw energy from?

- Being with people
- Being alone or in quiet spaces
- A mix of both

8. How do you typically respond in group settings?

- I'm comfortable speaking up
- I prefer to listen and observe
- It depends on the setting

9. How has your personality been misunderstood — or uniquely used — in the past?

Reminder: God doesn't ask you to change your personality to serve Him; He asks you to surrender it.

PART 4: PUTTING IT TOGETHER

NOTICING THE OVERLAP — Look back over what you've written.

10. What themes or patterns do you notice? (Across heart, abilities, and personality)

11. Where do you sense God inviting you to lean in or pay attention?

PRAYER

*God, thank You that I am not an accident.
Help me trust the way You've shaped me.
Teach me how to steward who I am for Your
purposes and for the good of others.*

Amen.