

UNIQUELY SHAPED FOR WORSHIP

THE WAY | A Journey Through Exodus
PART THREE | The Way Forward
Exodus 35:30-35, 36:1-7

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- Do you see your temperament, life experiences, skills, and passions as being important to God?
- What do you love to do?
- What are you good at?
- Who do you like to spend time with?

OFFERING GOD YOUR CREATIVE BEST

God is the author of your life and He longs for you to understand how He has uniquely made you so that you can offer Him your creative best!

Lord, may I know myself and how you've made me so that all of me may be used for your glory!

HOW GOD HAS DWELT WITH HIS PEOPLE

- The Garden (Genesis 1 & 2)
- The Tabernacle (Exodus 25 - 31)
- The Temple (1 Kings 6)
- God Became Flesh (John 1:14)
- Believers in Christ are the Temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19)
- God's Presence Will Fill the Earth (Revelation 21 - 22)

GIFTED PEOPLE

30 "Then Moses told the people of Israel, "The Lord has specifically chosen Bezalel son of Uri, grandson of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. 31 The Lord has filled Bezalel with the Spirit of God, giving him great wisdom, ability, and expertise in all kinds of crafts. 32 He is a master craftsman, expert in working with gold, silver, and bronze. 33 He is skilled in engraving and mounting gemstones and in carving wood. He is a master at every craft. 34 And the Lord has given both him and Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, the ability to teach their skills to others. 35 The Lord has given them special skills as engravers, designers, embroiderers in blue, purple, and scarlet thread on fine linen cloth, and weavers. They excel as craftsmen and as designers.

EXODUS 35:30-35 NLT

BEZELEL AND THE SKILLED CRAFTSMAN

EXODUS 35:30-35

- The project was to construct a portable holy sanctuary where God could personally live among the Israelites.
- Bezelel was a master craftsman and The Lord filled him with the Spirit of God to:
 - A. Build what God wanted built
 - B. Teach others the same skills

FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT OF GOD

"In fact, 'being filled with the Spirit' is a biblical idiom for 'having from God the ability to do or say exactly what God wants done or said.'"

- Stuart, D. K. (2006).
Exodus (Vol. 2, p. 651). Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers.

- Being empowered by God to carry out His will.
- This is far less "sensational" than we might think.
- Has there been a time when you were filled with the Spirit to do or say what God was asking you to?

GIFTS FROM THE PEOPLE

"The Lord has gifted Bezalel, Oholiab, and the other skilled craftsmen with wisdom and ability to perform any task involved in building the sanctuary. Let them construct and furnish the Tabernacle, just as the Lord has commanded."

2 So Moses summoned Bezalel and Oholiab and all the others who were specially gifted by the Lord and were eager to get to work. 3 Moses gave them the materials donated by the people of Israel as sacred offerings for the completion of the sanctuary. But the people continued to bring additional gifts each morning. 4 Finally the craftsmen who were working on the sanctuary left their work. 5 They went to Moses and reported, "The people have given more than enough materials to complete the job the Lord has commanded us to do!"

6 So Moses gave the command, and this message was sent throughout the camp: "Men and women, don't prepare any more gifts for the sanctuary. We have enough!" So the people stopped bringing their sacred offerings. 7 Their contributions were more than enough to complete the whole project."

EXODUS 36:1-7

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- The gifted people were eager to get to work (v.2)
- Everyone donated materials to the work (v.3)
- The giving was contagious and exciting (v.3)
- If Moses had emoticons, verse 6 would have said, "We have more than enough!" 👍 😊 🙌



THE TABERNACLE IS NOT THE CHURCH

THE TABERNACLE

- Physical structure built by people
- God's temporary dwelling on earth

- Located in one place
- The structure itself is the emphasis

THE CHURCH

- Spiritual “structure” made up of people
- God dwells in His people
- Located wherever believers in Jesus Christ gather
- The people are the emphasis

SERVING THE LORD THROUGH YOUR UNIQUE MAKEUP

“Artistic skills can be dedicated to God and used for His glory. Not everybody is called to be a preacher, teacher, or missionary. There is also a need for Christian writers, artists, musicians, architects, doctors, gardeners—in fact, in every legitimate vocation we can serve the Lord” (1 Cor. 10:31).

WARREN WIERSBE’S EXPOSITORY OUTLINES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

HOW HAS GOD SHAPED ME FOR WORSHIP?

God is the author of my life and He longs for me to understand how He has uniquely made me so that I can offer Him my creative best!

1. REALIZE YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO OFFER

- *What’s do my temperament, life experiences, skills, and passions tell me about who God’s made me to be?*
- *What do I love to do?*
- *What am I good at? What do I think I may be good at?*
- *Who do you like to spend time with?*

2. EMBRACE YOUR SHAPE & EXPLORE OPTIONS

- *God has made you to be you. Honor Him by becoming aware of who He has made you to be - uniquely!*
- *Asked trusted friends to tell me what they see in me*
- *Give myself permission to dream about “what could be”*
- *Ask where the needs are*

3. WORK HARD, AS UNTO THE LORD

“And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.”

COLOSSIANS 3:17

- *You won’t know until you try!*
- *If something isn’t a fit, move on to something else*
- *Continue to sharpen your skills for God’s glory*