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A MESSAGE SERIES AT JOURNEY

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“Understanding Our Spiritual Gifts Part 2”

A spiritual gift is an ability given by the Holy Spirit to express our faith effectively for the building up of The Body of Christ and of another's faith.

Spiritual Gifts

*¹ Now, dear brothers and sisters, regarding your question about the special abilities the Spirit gives us. I don't want you to misunderstand this. **1 Corinthians 12:1 NLT***

WE GO TO GOD'S WORD FOR UNDERSTANDING AND GUIDANCE.

*¹² For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. ¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable. **Hebrews 4:12-13 NLT***

- **We believe in the sufficiency of scripture.**
- **Scripture is enough.**
- **The Son of God is revealed through the Word of God.**
- **The Spiritual Gifts are identified and encouraged in God's Word.**

*⁴ There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. ⁶ God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. ⁷ A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. **1 Corinthians 12:4-7 NLT***

*¹¹ It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have. **1 Corinthians 12:11 NLT***

- **Only believers have spiritual gifts.**
- **You can't earn or work for a spiritual gift.**
- **The Holy Spirit decides what gifts I get.**
- **I am to develop the gifts God gives me.**
- **It's a sin to waste the gifts God gave me.**
- **Using my gifts honors God and builds up the Body of Christ.**

Discover the areas in which the Holy Spirit seems to supernaturally empower your service to others and grow in your understanding of how God has gifted you.

*⁷ “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. **Matthew 7:7-8 NIV***

I WAS MADE FOR THIS!

*¹³ You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. ¹⁵ You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. ¹⁶ You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. ¹⁷ How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! ¹⁸ I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me! **Psalms 139:13-18 NLT***

GOD HAS SHAPED ME FOR MINISTRY:

- **Spiritual Gifts – The Holy Spirit distributes.**
- **Heart – What I love to do or I'm passionate about.**
- **Abilities - What I'm able to do to help.**
- **Personality – How I do what I do.**
- **Experiences – What I've been through that can help.**

MINISTRY IS MEETING THE NEEDS OF OTHERS WITH GOD'S LOVE.

- **Every believer is a minister.**
- **Every believer has a spiritual gift.**

Next Steps for me today...

- Surrender my life to Jesus and receive salvation by faith in what Jesus has done to redeem me.
- Embrace the Holy Spirit that is placed within me and discover the gifts he has for me.
- Use my gifts to build up the Body of Christ.
- Attend Serve class on the 14th.