

WHAT AM I DOING WITH MY LIFE?

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God: "I have a plan for your life"
What it feels like:



WHAT IS CALL AND VOCATION?



REFLECTION

- What does it mean to belong to others?
- What does it mean to be part of God's story?
- In what ways do you see your current life playing God's story?
- What excites you and what scares you about this?

BIBLICAL CALL STORIES

- Group 1: Jeremiah 1:4-11
- Group 2: Esther 3:8-11; 4:13-17
- Group 3: Matthew 4:18-22
- Group 4: Acts 8:26-38
- Group 5: Luke 1:26-38

QUESTIONS:

What words or phrases catch your attention? Where do you see God? Where do you not see God? Where do you see yourself in the story?

**EVERY CHRISTIAN HAS BEEN GIVEN
AT LEAST ONE SPIRITUAL GIFT FROM GOD.**

1. RECOGNIZE IT.

2. STUDY IT.

3. PRACTICE IT.

4. USE IT.

“YOUR GIFTS”

Rebecca Ann Parker

Your gifts

Whatever you discover them to be

Can be used to bless or curse the world.

The mind’s power

 The strength of the hands

 The reaches of the heart,

the gift of speaking, listening,

 imagining, seeing, waiting,

Any of these can serve to feed the hungry,

 bind up wounds,

 praise what is sacred,

do the work of justice

 or offer love.

Any of these can draw down the
prison door

 hoard bread,

 abandon the poor,

 obscure what is holy,

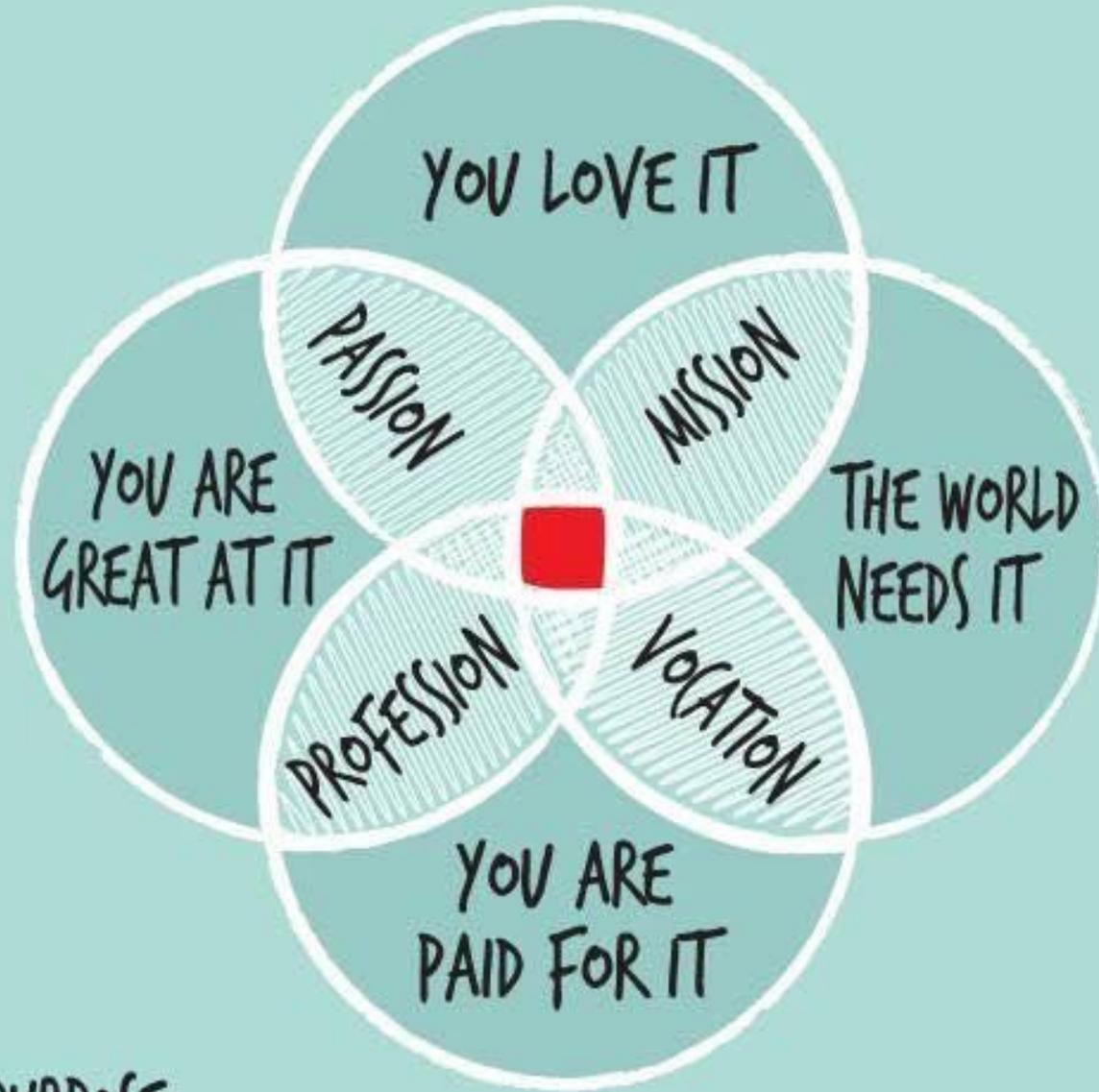
 comply with injustice

 or withhold love.

You must answer this question:

What will you do with your gifts?

Choose to bless the world.



 -PURPOSE

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- What does having a purpose mean?
- How does the meaning change or not change for those who do not identify as Christian?
- Where does your community fit into your purpose?
- Where does community fit into your call?

Listening to God and creating your tool box

- Join the “What am I doing with my life?” Google doc to add and use discernment materials:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1ReqtB3GgQ0De9c5ApeNSiCALumj33UrQMMCPBhQWFQs>



EXAMEN

From 50 Ways to Pray: Practices from Many Traditions and Times by Teresa A. Blythe

- * **Prepare** bodies and our minds. Ask God to open our hearts to God's word and leading.
- * **Frame a question** that you are struggling with at this moment.
- * **Look at the question rationally.** Make a pros and cons list. Weigh the different options. Make a tentative choice.
- * **Look at your life situation.** How will your choice affect your lifestyle, your friends, your family? When you consider the choice do you feel a freedom?
- * **Look at your values and beliefs.** Does this choice honor your values and beliefs? Does this choice allow you to love as Jesus loved?

EXAMEN

- * **Listen to your intuition.** What is your gut feeling about your choice?
How does your body feel when you think about this choice?
- * **Use your imagination.** Imagine living out this choice. Imagine your best friend came to you asking for advice on a similar issue. What advice would you give them?
- * **Examine your consolation and desolation.** Does your choice leave your feeling closer or further from God.
- * **Make your decision.**
- * **Test your decision and reassess if needed.**