

Gifts And Calling: What Is the Will of God for My Life?

"I believe I have a gift, but I don't think God wants me to use it the way I've always wanted to. How can I be sure I'm hearing him, and how long must I wait to see what he has for me?"

High Calling: God's Instruments; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

1. Do you see a difference between skills and gifts? Do you have a sense that your gifts are from the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you know what your gifts are? Have you used them in the service of the Lord?
3. Is God calling you to explore gifts you haven't yet used?

Investing Yourself: Parable of the talents; Matthew 25:14-30

1. Which servant is most like you? Does your image of God get in the way of letting God more into your life?
2. Are you willing to take risks for your faith? Why or why not?
3. Would you be ready if Jesus came back today?

Hearing God: Listening to the shepherds voice; John 10:1-21

1. Do you see Jesus as your shepherd, your gate? How so?
2. Do you hear the voice of Jesus? How so?
3. In whom do you dwell?

Running Ahead: God only knows; James 4:13-17

1. As you look back over your life, when you have planned for the future, did things work out as you planned?
2. As you look back over your life, when your plans did or did not work out as you anticipated, did you see the hand of God at work?
3. Does the will of God play any role in your life as you plan for the future?

Lagging Behind: Jonah runs away from God; Jonah 1:1-16

1. When have you been in danger in your life? Did you call upon the Lord?
2. As you look back at your life, have you ever run from God? Why?
3. Is there any sense in which you have "fear of the Lord"?

Two Sabbath Controversies; Matthew 12:1-14

1. What does it mean to you to "keep the Sabbath"?
2. What role does the Eucharist play in your life?
3. In an ideal world, how would you make the Sabbath holy?
4. When have you experienced the mercy of God?