

Find Your Unique Calling

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I was the person who never knew what I was going to be when I grew up. As a little girl, I dreamed of being a movie star, rich and famous, but in high school, I still had no idea what I wanted to do. I was a hard worker, took the jobs I was good at and enjoyed. Still something was missing. It wasn't until I started walking with the Lord that I found a sense of a mission and a purpose. I began to see how God was shaping and molding me; He was going to use even my mistakes, my sin and my pain for His plan. Without Him it wouldn't be possible. God has a faith-filled adventure for you too!

FEAR Like Joshua, God has called me to do things that overwhelm my strength. Like Joshua, I have been surrounded by "10 spies," people who saw from a human perspective—they doubted the Lord's promises (Numbers 13). I was afraid that I was unqualified and inadequate for ministry and a major job change. Over the years I have battled perfectionism, procrastination, feeling like a fraud, fear of what people would think, fear of going outside my comfort zone and financially losing everything.

We have an enemy, Satan, whose mission statement is to steal, kill and destroy. He happily uses your fears to keep you from living an abundant life, finding the Freedom Christ has given you.

FAITH *Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors thorough Him who loved us.* (Rom. 8:37) In each season of my life, God grows me and uses me right where I am. He puts desires in my heart that line up with His will and plan for me (Psalm 37:4). I believe my faith pleases Him (Hebr. 11:6). He wants His children to walk by faith (2 Cor. 5:7), so I often have to go outside my comfort zone. Knowing God's Word has bolstered my faith. I have learned the hard way to keep my eyes focused on Him; don't be a people pleaser. It is not that we think we are qualified to do anything on our own. Our qualification comes from God. (1 Cor. 3:5)

FREEDOM It was God's will for me to teach a drug and alcohol ministry. I served with gusto and love, but when He called me to start doing videos and sharing my testimony on TV and in front of large crowds, it required bold faith! When He called me to quit my lucrative career to help my husband in his painting business, I had to trust that God was in control. As I obey, He opens doors that I never expected. I know He has been preparing me to write, speak, and coach others. I feel ever deeper levels of faith and freedom as He reveals His plans. He gives desires and giftings, but when I do what He calls me to do, it blesses everyone and brings Him glory.

You have a unique sphere of influence and a mission so exciting and custom fit for you. You are a victor in Christ, so move from Fear to Faith to Freedom. Be free to be YOU!

RESOURCES *You Were Made For More* by Jim Cymbala, *Experiencing Success God's Way* by Charles Stanley, *Cure for the Common Life*; *Living in Your Sweet Spot* by Max Lucado

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