

Mapping Out Your Life Experiences

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God is incredibly _____

"...we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God planned in advance that we should do."

Ephesians 2:10

"Workmanship"—*poiema*

- You are His work of art, His _____

He has created you to _____ Him. From before the time you were born, God has always been _____ in your life to shape you—both your character and your serving—to _____ Him, to bring Him _____, and to make an incredible difference in the lives of other people.

*"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;
Before you were born I set you apart;
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.*

Jeremiah 1:5

*For you created my inmost being;
You knit me together in my mother's womb...
All the days ordained for me were written in your book
Before one of them came to be.*

Psalms 139:13, 16

He has given you _____.

He stirs passions in your _____.

He has given you natural _____.

He has given you your unique _____.

As He SHAPes you to serve Him, He uses a powerful tool: _____

Your Personal Time-Line

How God Uses Experiences

- God promises to take _____ of the experiences of your life—both good painful—and use them to accomplish His amazing purposes

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28

Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel.

Philippians 1:12

- He _____ nothing.
- God wants to use even those parts of your life that have been the most _____.

Your SHAPE Profile

- List five or more experiences that stand out from your personal time-line
Look for themes that keep coming up, or for experiences that made an especially strong impact on you.
- List the life values you identified from your time-line
- List anything other insights from your time-line about how your experiences might shape your serving

The Key to Unleashing God’s Design for Your Life: _____

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.”
Romans 12:1

Next Steps

“Do not merely listen to the word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says!”
James 1:22

➤ _____

Books:

- ✓ Eric Rees, *S.H.A.P.E.*
- ✓ Bruce Bugbee, *Doing What You Do Best in the Body of Christ*
- ✓ Craig Groeschel, *Chazown*
- ✓ Rick Warren, *The Purpose-Driven Life*
- ✓ Henry Blackaby, *Experiencing God*
- ✓ Andrew Murray, *Absolute Surrender*

➤ **Meet with a SHAPE** _____

➤ **Start** _____

If you are not currently serving at Bayside on a consistent month-by-month basis, here are two great places to jump in:

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WEEKEND SERVICES — practical ministries that help everyone who comes to Bayside:

- Road Warriors
- Greeters / Ushers
- Children's / Youth Ministry
- Guest Services

Curriculum Source

Erik Rees, *S.H.A.P.E., Finding & Fulfilling Your Unique Purpose for Life*. Grand Rapids, Michigan.: Zondervan, 2006, 248.4.