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Here in March, we are exploring our God-given <u>SHAPE</u> – our <u>Spiritual</u> gifts, <u>Heart</u>, <u>Abilities</u>, <u>Personality</u>, <u>Experiences</u>.

Understanding our SHAPE prepares us for **<u>Holy Spirit-led</u>** ministry.

Each of us are <u>unique</u> individuals.

Included in our uniqueness is our personality.

The Bible is full of **<u>different</u>** personalities.

Different personalities make the **church stronger**.

1 Corinthians 12:12-20, 24-26

The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

... But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

Like all things, we submit our personalities to Christ:

- Deny yourself (Luke 9:23)
- Choose humility (Philippians 2:5-8)
- Embrace servanthood (Matthew 20:26-28)