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CHANGE



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“Experiences”

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God has given you a unique **shape** to **serve** Him.

SHAPE: Spiritual Gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality, and **Experiences**

We have four different types of experiences: **spiritual**, **painful**, **educational**, and **ministry**.

Your experiences do not **define** you, but they do shape you.

“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)

I. Painful experiences **prepare** us to serve others.

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.” (II Corinthians 1:3-4)

II. Painful experiences develop **perseverance**.

“I have...been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and day in the open sea. I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my own countrymen, in danger from the Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false brothers. I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked.” (II Corinthians 11:23-28)

III. Painful experiences give us a different **perspective** on life.

“I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.” (Philippians 4:12-13)

It's time to discover your SHAPE!

1. Go to the website: www.freeshapetest.com
2. At the conclusion of the test submit your email to receive the results. Please add this email: shape@fairmountcc.org to send your results to the church.