

Week 4: Recognizing and Embracing Your Passion and Calling

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1. What is Passion?

- Passion is a strong, God-given burden or desire to serve in a specific area.
- Passion isn't always emotional—it's often tied to a sense of purpose and calling.
- God plants passion in our hearts to align us with His purpose. (Psalm 37:4)

2. How Passion and Calling Work Together

- God aligns our desires with His will when we seek Him. (Psalm 37:4)
- Our passion often points to where God is calling us to serve.
- The gifts God gives us equip us for the purpose He calls us to fulfill. (Romans 8:28)

3. Recognizing Your Calling

- A deep burden for a specific need can be a sign of calling. (Exodus 2:11–12)
- Confirmation often comes from others recognizing your gifts. (1 Timothy 4:14)
- Open doors and divine opportunities can be signs of alignment with God's will. (Jeremiah 1:5)
- Fulfillment and peace follow when you walk in your calling.

4. Overcoming Fear and Doubt in Your Calling

- Moses felt unqualified – "I am slow of speech and tongue." (Exodus 4:10–12)
- Jeremiah felt too young – "I am only a child." (Jeremiah 1:6–7)
- Gideon felt weak and unworthy – "My clan is the weakest." (Judges 6:15–16)
- God equips those He calls — He doesn't require perfection, only obedience. (Philippians 4:13)

5. Walking in Your Calling Daily

- Seek God's guidance through prayer. (James 1:5)
- Take small steps of faith even when it feels uncertain. (Hebrews 11:8)
- Stay rooted in the Word — it provides strength and clarity. (Psalm 119:105)
- Be faithful in small opportunities — God will open larger ones. (Luke 16:10)
- Trust God's timing and process — He develops your character through the journey.

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Things to Think About (Discussion Questions):

- What specific burden or need has God placed on your heart?
- Have you seen confirmation from others about your gifts and calling?
- What is holding you back from walking fully in your calling?
- How can you take a small step of faith this week toward your calling?
- Have you ever felt unqualified or unsure about your calling? How did you respond?