

“Unstoppable Purpose”

Series: One Prayer 2010

(Part 4 of 4)

Discussion Starter: Describe one skill you possess which you *can* do really well and one skill you wish you *could* do really well.

Explore: Read Romans 12:1-8.

The book of Romans provides an explanation for several key doctrines of the faith: i.e. sin, salvation, sanctification, and God’s sovereignty. However, our faith and beliefs must also be expressed through acts of obedience to God.

1. According to Romans, what is the most reasonable response to God’s great mercy (vs. 1)?
2. How can anyone know or understand the will of God for their life (vs. 2)? In what way can a believer “renew” his/her mind?
3. What metaphor does Paul use to describe the church (vs. 3-5)? What role does humility / pride play in the church?
4. How are believers to use the gifts God has given them (vs. 6-8)? Based on the list of gifts given in this passage, in what area has God gifted you?

Reflect: Review the LG and discuss the questions below.

1. Put yourself in Moses’ sandals. What emotions would you have felt standing in front of a burning bush hearing the voice of God?
2. At what point in your life did you first realize God was real? Has God ever asked you to do something you weren’t sure you could do? How did you react?
3. Moses continued to give God several reasons for not being able to speak to Pharaoh. Do you think Moses was more uncertain of himself or God?
4. How did God respond to Moses’ lack of confidence? What did God ultimately promise He would do for Moses?
5. With Aaron’s support, Moses eventually went on to represent God before Pharaoh. Who in your life provides encouragement and support to you?

Live:

As a group: There is strength in numbers. Make plans to serve together on a ministry team during weekend services – or plan a movie night with popcorn in your neighborhood and share your testimony at the end.

On your own: Read Romans 12:1-8. Is there a pattern you need to break in your life that may be keeping you from knowing God’s purpose? What steps will you take this week to renew your mind?

Listening Guide Notes

When it comes to God’s purpose in your life...

1. Humility is good.

^[4] “When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, ‘Moses! Moses!’ And Moses said, ‘Here I am.’ ^[5] ‘Do not come any closer,’ God said. ‘Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.’ ^[6] Then he said, ‘I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.’ At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.” –Exodus 3:4-6 (NIV)

^[11] “Moses said to God, ‘Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?’ ^[12] And God said, ‘I will be with you.’” –Exodus 3:11-12 (NIV)

2. Pride is bad.

^[10] “Moses said to the LORD, ‘O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue.’ ^[11] The LORD said to him, ‘Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the LORD?’ ^[12] Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.’ ^[13] But Moses said, ‘O Lord, please send someone else to do it.’ ^[14] Then the LORD’s anger burned against Moses...” –Exodus 4:10-14 (NIV)

3. He will give you what you need.

^[14] “Then the LORD’s anger burned against Moses and he said, ‘What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and his heart will be glad when he sees you. ^[15] You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do.’” –Exodus 4:14-15 (NIV)