



Serve Joyfully (Abilities, Experiences, & Heart)

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1. What's one **ability** that God has given you that you enjoy using to serve God? *(Note - it doesn't have to be in the context of the church, as we can serve and honor God in all realms of life.)*
2. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 says: "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.' So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

In the book *The Purpose Driven Life* Rick Warren writes this:

*"The very **experiences** that you have resented or regretted most in life - the ones you've wanted to hide and forget - are the experiences God wants to use to help others. They are your ministry. For God to use your painful experiences, you must be willing to share them. You have to stop covering them up, and you must honestly admit your faults, failures, and fears. Doing this will probably be your most effective ministry."*

How have you experienced God using one of your weaknesses, challenges, or struggles for his purposes in your life and ministry?

3. What's one area of ministry that brings your **heart** great joy, where you feel God's pleasure when you serve?
4. Have you taken the shape assessment at efree.org/shape, and if so, what were your takeaways? If not, be sure to check it out and report back to your group!