FIND YOUR CALLING

QUICKSTART GUIDE

based on the book *More* by Todd Wilson

RESTLESS?

Do you sense that God has something more for you than what your life currently offers? Are you living in the sweet spot of your unique personal calling?

THERE MUST BE SOMETHING MORE

I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly

~Jesus



more abundantly defn: 1. exceeding a measure or need; more than is necessary; to be filled beyond measure; filled to overflowing or to the fullest measure;

We are inspired by the promise of living more abundantly and yet it's an elusive pursuit for most people. Our aspirations fall short of life's realities producing the deep longing for more that most people experience.



We can "have" life and
easily take it for granted. To take
hold of life more abundantly requires
an active posture.

ARE YOU TAKING HOLD OF YOUR UNIQUE PERSONAL CALLING?



The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly ~Jesus

THE THIEF

The thief's role is active. He whispers lies into our minds to keep us from discovering and engaging our unique calling. He says:

"What can you contribute? You don't have special talents."

"You're too busy...some day you'll have more time to pursue more joyful living."

"You're stuck for now...too many responsibilities and financial commitments. Wait for retirement."

SAME THIEF. RECYCLED LIES. SEPARATION.

THE BIBLE TELLS OF THREE PROFOUND LOSSES CAUSED BY THE THIEF'S DECEPTIONS...



A LOSS OF IDENTITY AND RELATIONSHIP

Our core sense of being is altered and our disconnection from God causes a shift in our understanding of identity. We are left with an identity crisis that wreaks havoc and produces unhealthy desires. We are left asking:

"WHO AM I CREATED TO BE?"



2 A LOSS OF PURPOSE AND MISSION

Before the thief's deception introduced sin into the world, work was joyful and full of meaning. As a consequence of sin, work became toil. Instead of our activity flowing seamlessly from our life with God, it took a different turn. We lost the joy God intended for us to experience in work. We are left asking:

"WHAT AM I MADE TO DO?"



3 A LOSS OF PLACE AND POSITION

The curse was moving day, and it wasn't good. We became captive to time and isolated from eternity with God. The joy of the perfect environment gave way to an environment that was physically and spiritually hostile. We are left asking:

"WHERE DO I FIT?"

THREE QUESTIONS OF PURPOSE

We have three profound questions to solve as we put on our investigator's hat and look for clues. These are questions you were already asking before picking up this book and are at the heart of our restlessness and desire to find our calling.

Who am I created to BE?

> a design or identity question

2 What am I created to DO? > a purpose or mission question

Where am I created to GO?

> a compatibility or position question

The answers to these BE - DO - GO questions represent our unique sweet spot of calling. The longing of our heart to respond to and lean into our calling screams out to us through these questions; questions that reflect the natural elements of our sweet spot.



A doctor diagnosing the health of a sweet spot would ask, "Is it positioned correctly, doing what it's designed to do, and producing the results intended by its creator?"

It's no accident that these three elements line up perfectly with the three questions we must answer to find our unique sweet spot of calling!

This begs the question:

Am I positioned correctly, doing what I'm designed to do, and producing the fruit intended by my Creator?

AM I LIVING IN HIS SWEET SPOT FOR MY LIFE?

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For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. ~Ephesians 2:10

SEE THE ELEMENTS OF SWEET SPOT?

DESIGN, PURPOSE AND POSITION

Just as nature shows us that every sweet spots exhibits a design, a purpose, and a positioning, we see these elements in Ephesians 2:10.



DESIGN: We are created by His workmanship with a custom design that uniquely shapes our sweet spot. We are a masterpiece at the work of His hands, and because we are created in His image, our unique design is a reflection of Him to the world. We are called to be stewards of what He's uniquely given each of us.

Who we are created to BE is about our unique identity.



PURPOSE: We are created for unique good works prepared and planned by God. We yield and surrender to His purposes. He is the potter, and we are the clay. Our good works, prepared by God, are part of His larger epic plans for redeeming mankind. Just as our lives are like puzzles with many pieces, our lives are one piece of God's larger purpose.

What we were made to DO is about our unique mission.



POSITION: He intends for us to use our unique design in the specific good works He's prepared for each of us. "That we should walk in them" is a call to action in specific places.

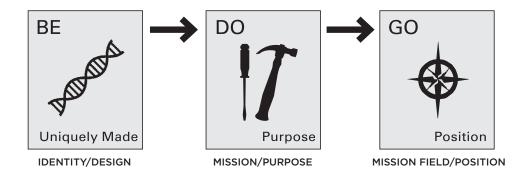
Where we are to GO is about our unique position.

BE-DO-GO FRAMEWORK

How do the elements integrate?

A good model deconstructs elements into simple parts, allowing us to isolate and study the characteristics of each part. Our unique design or identity (our BE) informs our unique mission (our DO) which in turn informs our unique mission field (our GO). Our design or identity is a question of "who." Our mission or purpose is a question of "what." And our mission field or position is a question of "where."

The model might look something like this:



The book *More* provides a framework to tackle each of these elements of BE-DO-GO.

CALLING

Calling is God's longing for us to be in eternal relationship with him, as his children. He calls us to be disciples of Jesus and to carry the fullness of Jesus into the world.

OUR PERSONAL CALLING IS
GOD'S UNIQUE HANDIWORK IN OUR LIVES,
TO EQUIP US TO PLAY OUR UNIQUE ROLE
IN HIS MISSION HERE ON EARTH.

PRIMARY CALLING

GOOD NEWS! GOD'S ALREADY GIVEN US OUR PRIMARY CALLING.



I am a disciple of Jesus, seeking to have his fullness maturing in me

IDENTITY/DESIGN



who carries the fullness of Jesus to others



making disciples where I am!

MISSION FIELD/POSITION

OUR SECONDARY OR UNIQUE CALLING ONLY FINDS MEANING AND SIGNIFICANCE IN SUPPORTING OUR PRIMARY CALLING

SECONDARY CALLING



I am uniquely made

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to do good works and deeds



where I can be most effective.

UNLIKE OUR PRIMARY OR GENERAL CALLING WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN REVEALED TO US, FINDING OUR UNIQUE PERSONAL CALLING IS A MORE ENTREPRENEURIAL JOURNEY.

FIND THE CLUES

Discovering our calling is a journey that takes time. Most of us will not wake up one day and know our calling with crystal clarity. Instead we must maintain a posture of learning and discovering, seeing each day as an opportunity to discern new clues about our personal calling.

We must have the discipline of a private investigator looking for clues.

The clues are scattered throughout our past and shed light on God's unique workmanship and his divine plans for our future. We must look for them with intentionality, integrate them, and learn from them just as an investigator looks for clues.

OUR JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY
WILL BE MORE EFFECTIVE
IF WE SEE THE CLUES THROUGH A
LENS OF BIBLICAL TRUTHS
ABOUT CALLING...

MY UNIQUE IDENTITY: WHO AM I UNIQUELY CREATED TO BE?

Our unique
identity (ul) is our
unique design that
distinguishes us from
God's other children.

Our secondary or unique personal calling, is a question of identity. At my core and in my deepest, truest self, who am I? Who has God fashioned me to be uniquely? How does the essence of who I am inform the nature of calling? I am UNIQUELY MADE (DO).

Our uniqueness is a gift from Jesus that transcends all domains of life (home, work, church, community, etc.). The Bible says that Jesus gave some to be apostles (entrepreneurs), some prophets (truth-bearers), some evangelists, some shepherds (caretakers), and some to be teachers.

EXAMPLES OF UNIQUE IDENTITY



He was a pioneer or starter; a church planter. Today, we'd call him an entrepreneur. Paul identifies his unique identity as:

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus

entrepreneur



We know him as one of the greatest Christians of our time. He's spoken to millions of people via large stadium events.

His unique identity is:

Billy, an evangelist of Christ Jesus

recruiter/salesman



We know her for her sacrificial service to the poor. Her unique identity is:

Mother Theresa, a shepherd of Christ Jesus.

caretaker



We know him for his profound impact in championing racial equality and proclaiming truth. His unique identity?

Martin Luther King, a prophet of Christ Jesus.

truth-bearer



We know her for the impact she's had on women through Bible Studies.

Her unique identity from Jesus?

Beth, a teacher of Christ Jesus.

instructor

WHAT IS YOUR UNIQUE IDENTITY?

[], a [] of Christ Jesus
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your name

unique identity

MY UNIQUE MISSION: WHAT AM I UNIQUELY CREATED TO DO?



Our unique mission
(uM) is the unique
purpose assigned
to us by God that
produces unique
good works and
deeds in our lives.

The overflow of Jesus' love for us prompts us to love other people through our good works and deeds. But what good works should I focus on?

Our unique identity along with our unique passions and burdens helps shape and inform our unique mission.

Our unique mission may be a single theme for most of our lives or a portfolio of many different themes. Regardless of our unique mission, it gives us a context for connecting with and serving people in the mission field of our primary calling to make disciples.

EXAMPLES OF UNIQUE MISSION



to preach the mystery of Jesus and start new churches



called people into repentance and new life in Jesus



sacrificially serving spiritual and physical needs



proclaimed God's truth for racial equality



encouraging people to come to know and love Jesus through the study of scripture

WHAT IS YOUR UNIQUE MISSION?

MY UNIQUE POSITION: WHERE AM I UNIQUELY CREATED TO GO?

Our unique position
(uP) is the context
where we can be
most effective.

Our unique personal calling prompts us not just to serve where we are, but to be willing to reposition ourselves to go WHERE WE CAN BE MOST EFFECTIVE.

Our environment and context are a multifaceted consideration related to calling.

Our unique identity and unique mission help shape and inform our unique position. Our personal values, natural rhythms, and natural roles also play a key part in discerning our best fit.

EXAMPLES OF UNIQUE POSITION



amongst the Gentiles



amongst spiritual seekers in large stadiums in strategic cities



amongst the poorest of the poor



amongst a racially divided nation



amongst people desiring a deeper walk with Jesus

WHAT IS YOUR UNIQUE POSITION?



My Primary Calling

I am a disciple of Jesus who makes disciples wherever I am!

My Secondary or Unique Calling

I am uniquely made to do good works and deeds where I can be most effective.

The Apostle Paul could say...

Paul, an apostle (or entrepreneur) of Christ Jesus (BE) called to preach the mystery of Jesus and start new churches (DO) amongst the Gentiles (GO)

YOU HAVE A
UNIQUE CALLING TO
BE DISCOVERED WITH
SIMILAR CLARITY
AND SIMPLICITY.

ARE YOU READY?



PRIMARY OR COMMON CALLING		
My Core Identity (cI)	My Core Mission (cM)	My Core Position (cP)
I am a disciple of Jesus, seeking to have his fullness maturing in me	who carries Jesus' fullness to others making disciples	where I am!
Uniquely Made	DO 17 Purpose MISSION/PURPOSE	Position MISSION FIELD/POSITION
I am uniquely made	to do good works and deeds	where I can be most effective.
What is your unique	What is your unique	What is your unique
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My Unique Identity (uI)	My Unique Mission (uM)	My Unique Position (uP)

SECONDARY OR UNIQUE CALLING