

DISCOVER YOUR DESIGN—

Week 1 | How Do I Strengthen My Gifts?

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WARM UP

What's an example of a "masterpiece" you can name? What is it about this masterpiece that makes it special?

INTRODUCTION

Ephesians 2:10 tells us that we are God's masterpiece. He designed each one of us with gifts to fulfill His purpose. This week, we will discuss how to grow in and strengthen the unique gifts God has given us.

Colossians 2:6-8 (NIV)

⁶ So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him, **strengthened in the faith** as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸ **See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy**, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

KEY THOUGHT

Growth requires a willingness to honestly look at where you're at and to listen to the perspective of others.

DISCUSSION

1. What was your greatest takeaway from the message?
2. **Read Romans Colossians 2:6-8.** According to these verses, why do we need to be strengthened in our faith?
3. Some of the enemy's lies about our gifts include: (1) I can choose my gifts. (2) No one sees my gifts. (3) I have no gifts. (4) I have no opportunities to use my gifts. Have you ever struggled with one of these lies before? Explain.
4. What is a "steward," and how does the idea of stewardship apply to the gifts God has given you?
5. Have you ever felt overlooked in your gifts? Tell us about it.
6. What's the biblical solution for feeling overlooked in your gifts?
7. Do you need to do a better job listening to the significant people in your life? How can you grow in this area?
8. What's the danger of comparing your gifts with others?

APPLICATION

Do you believe you are God's masterpiece? How could this truth affect how you feel and what you do?

PRAYER

- Pray that each person would continue to discover their gifts and grow in the areas God has gifted them.
- Take prayer requests and pray for any needs in the group.