

S.H.A.P.E.

for

MINISTRY

EMPLOYING YOUR EXPERIENCES

INTRODUCTION

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28)

Joseph

As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. (Gen 50:20)

INTRODUCTION

Other examples in scripture

- David
- Moses
- Timothy

PRINCIPLES

1. My experiences are intended to teach me to trust God. *“(this happened)...so that we might learn to trust, not in ourselves, but in God...” (II Cor. 1:9)*
2. My experiences are intended to build character. *“...we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance character; and character, hope.” (Rom. 5:4)*

PRINCIPLES continued...

3. My experiences are intended to accomplish God's purposes. *"...what has happened to me has really served to advance the Gospel." (Phil. 1:12)*
4. My experiences are intended to minister to others who are going through what I have already been through. *"(God)...wonderfully comforts and strengthens us in our hardships and trials. And why does He do this? So that when others are troubled, needing our sympathy and encouragement, we can pass on to them the help and comfort God has given us!" (II Cor. 1:3-4 LB)*

God never wastes a hurt!

GROUP TIME

*What are some of the most significant life experiences the Lord has used to **SHAPE** you into who you are today?*

How do you think God could use your experience to minister to others?

SUMMARY

Your ministry will be most effective and fulfilling when you are using your GIFTS and ABILITIES in the area of HEART'S DESIRE in a way that best expresses your PERSONALITY and EXPERIENCE!

TAKE AWAY

1. Where do you see the various elements of your SHAPE coming together?
2. Record it on your profile

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

- Try things out
- Continue to get feedback from others
- Additional reading

¹For we are his workmanship (masterpiece), created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Eph 2:10)

**Go embrace your God given calling and role in
His body!**