

## Message from God's Life-Giving Word

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Find Your Passion – Go Deeper

What is Passion?

### God-Given Passion

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
*Who **saved us** and **called us** to a **holy calling**, not because of our works but because of **His own purpose and grace**, which He gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began. 2 Timothy 1:9*

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
*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*

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
*But when He who had **set me apart** from my mother's womb, and who **called me** by His **grace**, was pleased to reveal His Son **in me**. Galatians 1:15*

4. \_\_\_\_\_  
*For the gifts and the calling of God are **irrevocable**. Romans 11:29*

5. \_\_\_\_\_  
*For none of us **lives** to himself, and none of us **dies** to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or whether we die, **we are the Lord's**. Romans 14:7-8*

6. \_\_\_\_\_  
*We always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of **His calling** and may fulfill every resolve for good and every **work of faith** by His power, so that the name of our Lord **Jesus** may be glorified in you, and you in Him. 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12*

\* How I learn what God has made me passionate for:

### Next Steps

1. Journal about what you are passionate for. What might God be calling you to do with the passion He has given you? Isaiah 44:2 describes how you are deeply loved. How can you live differently knowing God created you for a unique mission?
2. The apostle Paul (1 Timothy 1:12-13) was a persecutor, yet God chose him to become a passionate champion of the faith, even to the point of writing most of the New Testament. How does the story of Paul challenge you to find your passions? Knowing God never wastes what happens in our lives, what excites you most about what He has made you passionate for?
3. Read 1 Thessalonians 2:11-12. How has a past challenge nurtured you and developed your faith? What areas of your life do you see as a hindrance to living inside of the passion He has given you? How can this change?