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Exodus 31:1-6

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Exodus 31:1-6

- **I have a Bible question for you. Who was Bezaleel?**
- **Bezaleel is probably one of the more obscure Bible characters in the Bible.**
- **Bezaleel and the impact that he had were not trivial at all.**

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- **Bezaleel was responsible for the construction of all the things involved in the worship that took place in the tabernacle, including the ark, the mercy seat, the tabernacle furniture, candlesticks, the altar, and the high priest's garments. (see Exodus 31:7-11)**

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Exodus 31:1-6

- **Bezaleel also shows us how God can use people who may feel obscure.**

HE WAS SELECTED (Exodus 31:1-2)

Then the LORD said to Moses, **"See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, (Exodus 31:1-2)**

- God had a plan for his life. He was selected "by name" for a very important task.
- God has a specific plan for the life of each Christian.
- God has something for each one of us to do.

HE WAS SELECTED (Exodus 31:1-2)

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Eph. 2:10)

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. (Ephesians 5:15-17)

HE WAS SELECTED (Exodus 31:1-2)

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 4:10-11)

HE WAS SKILLED (Exodus 31:3-5)

and I have filled him with the Spirit of God,
with skill, ability and knowledge in all
kinds of crafts- to make artistic designs for
work in gold, silver and bronze, to cut and
set stones, to work in wood, and to
engage in all kinds of craftsmanship.

(Exodus 31:3-5)

HE WAS SKILLED (Exodus 31:3-5)

- **God had made this man skilled in a number of areas.**
- **God has given at least one Spiritual Gift to each Christian.**

HE WAS SUPPORTED (Exodus 31:6)

Moreover, I have appointed Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, to help him. Also I have given skill to all the craftsmen to make everything I have commanded you (Ex. 31:6)

- **There were other gifted people who were to work along with Bezaleel.**
- **There was a partnership formed to get the job done.**

HE WAS SUPPORTED (Exodus 31:6)

The church is viewed as a body.

For a body to work well, each part of the body needs to function.

Pastors and missionaries need other gifted people to work along with them in order for the church to reach its full potential.

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Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.....

(1 Corinthians 12:7-10)

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All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines. The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink..... (1 Cor.12:11-13)

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Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body.....

(1 Cor. 12:14-16)

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If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body. (1 Cor. 12:17-20)

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The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty,(1 Corinthians 12:21-23)

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while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it....

(1 Corinthians 12:24-26)

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- Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

(1 Cor.12:27-30)

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**Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith.....
(Romans 12:4-6)**

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If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully. (Romans 12:7-8)

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But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men."

(What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) (Ephesians 4:7-10)

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It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

(Ephesians 4:11-12)

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**Now about spiritual gifts, brothers,
I do not want you to be ignorant.
(1 Corinthians 12:1)**

- **On the following 20 slides is a brief definition for each spiritual gift by Dean VanDruff**

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Administration (1 Cor.12:27-30)

is a gift that provides insight into other people's spiritual gifting as well as natural talent, which allows for placing people who want to minister in a particular way together with those who need just this ministry. These are "well connected" advisors in the body. [The Septuagint uses this same word in Prov. 24:6 & 11:14.]

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Apostleship

(1 Cor.12:27-30; Eph.4:7-12)

is the ability to communicate across cultural barriers and plant churches where there is no knowledge of the gospel. It is usually accompanied with a distinct calling and a miraculous lifestyle. In Greek (apostolos) "a sent one", or "a messenger", a *Missionary*.

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Compassion

(Romans 12:4-8)

transcends both natural human sympathy and normal Christian concern, enabling one to sense in others a wide range of emotions and then provide a supportive ministry of caring and intercessory prayer. Also called the gift of *Mercy*.

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Discernment

(1 Cor.12:2-11)

is the heightened ability to read or hear a teaching, to encounter a problem, or to consider a proposed course of action, and then determine whether the source behind the teaching, problem, or action is divine, merely human, or satanic. This will be a much needed gift near the End of the Age.

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Evangelism

(Ephesians 4:7-12)

is a special ability to lead unconverted persons to a saving knowledge of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The person with this gift has the wisdom to know when, who, and how to call the rebellious into the Kingdom of God. Evangelists are the spiritual "obstetricians" in the church.

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Exhortation (Romans 12:4-8)

is the gift of being able to encourage others by well timed and wise *counsel*. This gift builds the Body of Christ by helping new, young and adolescent disciples to turn from sin and believe in the power of the Holy Spirit. Also called the gift of *Counseling*, or the gift of *Encouragement*.

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Faith

(1 Cor.12:2-11)

as a gift is an extraordinary confidence in God that is unshakable by situations, pain, apparent failure, or ridicule. This gift strengthens the individual and other believers (by example) to endure persecution and wait upon the Lord.

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Giving

(Romans 12:4-8)

empowers one in a sensitive way to detect material or financial needs and meet those needs with Spirit inspired generosity. Recipients of help from Christians with this gift have a clear sense that God has provided, not man.

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Healing

(1 Cor.12:2-11; 1 Cor.12:27-30)

is a "sign gift" which enables one to function as an instrument of God's healing grace in the lives of hurting people. The gifts of healings (double plural in the Greek text) include miraculous healing of the body, the mind, the emotions, and relationships.

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Helps

(1 Cor.12:27-30)

enables one to assist people in skilled ways that are supernaturally enhanced by the anointing of the Holy Spirit. The helped person has the impression that they have been touched by God. Those with this gift should be highly esteemed in the Body.

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Knowledge

(1 Cor.12:2-11)

is an ability to remember Scripture or have it supernatural quickened, or to know a fact or truth about a person or situation revealed directly by the Holy Spirit--sometimes termed a *word of knowledge*.

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Leadership

(Romans 12:4-8)

in the Greek is actually "he who provides leadership in *giving aid*". These go first and lead by example, so that others are motivated to follow. Those with the gift of leadership are quick to identify problems and show by doing how to minister to those in need. [1Cor 11:1]

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Miracles

(1 Cor.12:2-11; 1 Cor.12:27-30)

is another "sign gift" where the gifted person is able to cast out demons, show a supernatural sign to unbelievers, or perform a public healing--even in a hostile and unsupportive situation--all to the glory of God. Those with this gift will be humble, broken people, full of the fear of God.

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Pastoring (Ephesians 4:7-12)

is the collective (plural in Greek) ministry of the Elders to "shepherd" an individual or community of Christian believers. This gift is a special passion and empowering to lead people into green pastures, steer others away from danger, fight off predators, and bind up wounds.

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Prophecy

(Romans 12:4-8; 1 Cor.12:2-11;
1 Cor.12:27-30; Ephesians 4:7-12)

is speaking what God wants said with clarity, creativity, and power. It is also called the gift of *Preaching*. The primary ministry in this gift is not prediction, but in confronting people with the truth about God and man--with conviction and repentance as the result.

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Serving (Romans 12:4-8)

is a gift which expresses the love of Christ by taking care of lowly or time-consuming tasks to allow others to be more effective ministers. Similar to the gift of Helps, but here the work performed is menial rather than skilled. Those with this gift are the truest and highest leaders in the church, and ought to be recognized as such.

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Teaching

(Rom.12:4-8; 1 Cor.12:27-30; Eph.4:7-12)

is the ability to *understand* and communicate the Christian faith so as to make the truth clear to others. The result of this gift is the equipping and maturing of others in the body of Christ so that they will grow in grace and be more effective disciples.

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Tongues

(1 Cor.12:2-11; 1 Cor.12:27-30)

enable some Christians (1 Cor 12:30) to praise God either in another language not learned (Acts 2) or in ecstatic utterance which is not an earthly language (1 Cor 14). In either case, one's prayer is directed to God, not to other people (1 Cor 14:2).

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Interpretation

(1 Cor.12:2-11; 1 Cor.12:27-30)

is required if speaking in tongues is exercised publicly in a loud voice. This gift allows one to declare to others the intent or meaning of the public ecstatic utterance, so that the entire Body is built up.

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Wisdom

(1 Cor.12:2-11)

is special illumination that enables one in a specific instance to grasp divine insight regarding a fact, situation, or context. This gift is useful in directing the Body in *what to do next*; in making God's will known.

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**Have you asked God to show you your
spiritual gifts?**

**Are you learning to walk in your
spiritual gifts?**

**Are you helping others discover their
spiritual gifts?**

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