

discovering your  
**SHAPE**

**PART  
6**

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## **YOU'VE GOT TALENT!**

*Exodus 31:1-11; 35:30-36:7*

### **MOSES, THE ISRAELITES, AND GOD AT MOUNT SINAI**

*Exodus 19-40*

**Exodus 19** – *The people come to Mount Sinai in the Wilderness.*

**Exodus 20** – *God speaks the 10 Commandments for all to hear.*

**Exodus 20-23** – *Moses goes up Mt. Sinai to meet with God.*

**Exodus 24** – *Moses comes back down at God's direction to get the other leaders: Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and the 70 elders. The next day they go up and worship... then God calls Moses to come closer, and he and his assistant, Joshua, go closer to worship and hear from God.*

**Exodus 25-30** – *For 40 days God gives Moses further instruction for the people in how they are to live and worship, including extensive instructions for the construction of the Tabernacle.*

**EXODUS 31** – *God identifies Bezalel and Oholiab as those with the ability to lead the construction of the Tabernacle.*

**Exodus 32** – *Toward the end of the 40 days, the people rebel, creating and worshipping a golden calf in Moses' absence.*

**Exodus 33-34** – *Moses goes back up Mt. Sinai for another 40 days to hear from God and intercede for the people. God renews his covenant with them.*

**EXODUS 35-39** – *The people respond by giving of their time, talent, and treasure to build the Tabernacle.*

**Exodus 40** – *The Tabernacle is completed.*

## **GOD CALLS BEZALEL & OHOLIAB (31:1-11)**

*God specifically gifted and chose Bezalel and Oholiab to use their abilities to serve him.*

God called Bezalel & Oholiab to a specific **MINISTRY TASK**.

God **EQUIPPED** Bezalel & Oholiab for what he called them to do.

God has given you a variety of **ABILITIES!** (31:6b)

*What will you do with them???*

## **BEZALEL, OHOLIAB, & OTHERS OBEY AND USE THEIR ABILITIES (35:4-36:7)**

**Exodus 35:4-9** – *Moses calls for financial/material contributions.*

**Exodus 35:10-19** – *Moses calls for time/talent contributions.*

**Exodus 35:20-36:7** – *Bezalel, Oholiab, and the people obeyed!*

## **THREE QUESTIONS TO ANSWER:**

1. What **ABILITIES** has God given to you? (What are you good at!?)
2. How is God stirring your **HEART** ?
3. What do you **LOVE** to do?

*More often than not, God will connect your abilities and your heart (passions) in a unique way so that you would gladly and eagerly use them for his glory, others' good, and your joy!*

# HOMework



Open Your Group in Prayer. *Use the Prayer Guide on the next page for Suggestions.*

1. Go to [wawaseebible.com/shape](http://wawaseebible.com/shape) and complete the Abilities Inventory.
2. **Read Exodus 31:1-11 and 35:4-36:7.** What do you notice about Bezalel and Oholiab? Take time as a group to discuss your observations.
3. “Craftsmen” are mentioned in these passages, which translates literally from the Hebrew as the “wise/skillful/experienced of heart/reason”. This points to the fact that these people had skill and abilities they had developed over time and had experience in. Where would they have learned these skills and gained their experience? (*Exodus 1:11 might give you a clue.*)
4. According to **Exodus 35:20-29** when people gave of their time, talent, and treasure to build the Tabernacle, what else was at play besides just an individual’s ability?
5. Describe a time in your life that you had to do something that left you feeling exhausted because it simply was not something you were good at.
6. What are three things you could “live without” doing?
7. What are three things you just love doing? Share these activities with the group and how they could be used to display God’s love to those around you.
8. Can you see any connections between the heart (or passions/calling) God has given you for ministry and the natural abilities he’s given you? Does that give you any indication of where you could best serve Jesus and others in ministry?
9. Does anyone in your group excel at the same things? If so, talk about how you could serve Jesus and others together.
10. How could everyone’s natural abilities strengthen your 1:10 Group?
11. Use your prayer time to celebrate the natural abilities God has given to each member of the group and how the group benefits when each person is using their strengths.

