

## Week 4 – You Have a Part to Play

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NOTES

#### 1 PETER 2:9-12 (NIV)

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

11 Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.

12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

#### **"YOU ARE"**

V 9...

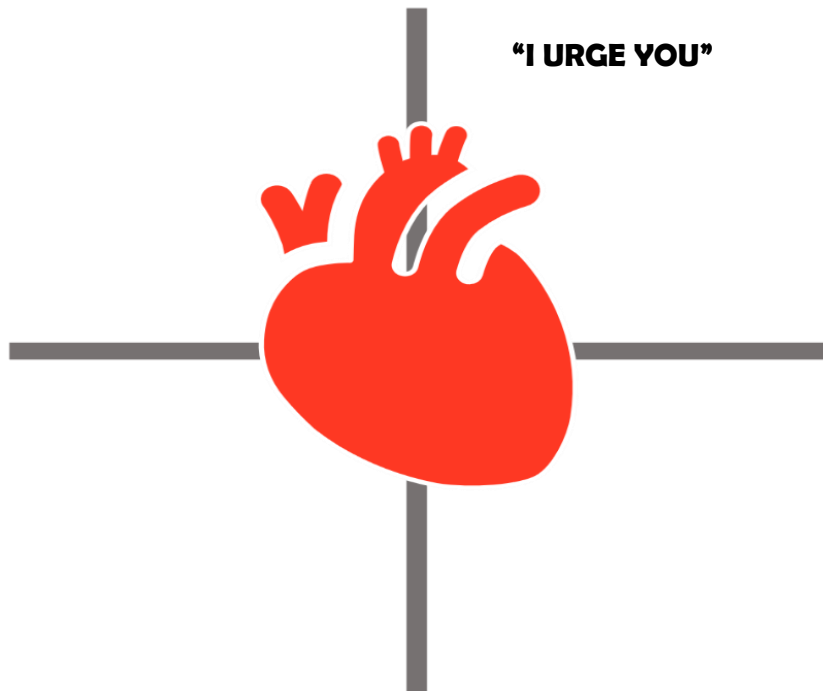
V 10...

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#### **"YOU WERE"**

V 10...

#### **"I URGE YOU"**



## CLARIFYING WHAT IS AT STAKE

1. What is at stake in whether or not you “abstain from sinful desires”?

**To God...**

**To your family...**

**To the watching world?**

2. What desires do you want to characterize your part in God’s story? Circle 1 or 2.

**For relationship**

**For impact**

**For honor**

**To hear “well done”**

**To love and be loved**

**For significance**

**To protect and provide**

## MOVIE CLIP

As you watch...

- What happens in you when you hear Keating say for the reason for existence, “That the powerful play goes on and you may contribute a verse. What will your verse be?”
- As you consider that, what feelings arise within you?
- What desires are those feelings related to?

**In response to the Gospel of Jesus and empowered by the Holy Spirit,**

**OUR PART TO PLAY IN GOD’S LARGER STORY:**

**to engage with strength and love**

**offering life and growth to our domain**

## EXERCISE – RESPONDING WITH ONE WORD FROM THE HEART

- Something to ask others and yourself... **How did you experience this time?**
- Benefits – brings clarity, summarizes your experience, let's others know your heart...

### POSITIVE FEELING WORDS

Peaceful	Joyful	Empowered	Authentic	Grateful	Loved
Trusting	Refreshed	Hopeful	Loyal	Satisfied	Considered
Safe	Stimulated	Inspired	Faithful	Humbled	Seen
Protected	Encouraged	Respected	Aware	Thankful	Intimate
Content	Pleased	Significant	Seen	Whole	Connected
Sure	Free	Valuable	Heard	Healed	Desirable
Certain	Delighted	Confident	Known	Awed	Adored

### NEGATIVE FEELING WORDS

Fearful	Sad	Confused	Angry	Ashamed	Lonely
Cautious	Burdened	Overwhelmed	Cynical	Bashful	Left out
Hesitant	Somber	Bewildered	Skeptical	Embarrassed	Out of place
Anxious	Disappointed	Torn	Annoyed	Awkward	Disconnected
Tense	Dissatisfied	Curious	Jealous	Foolish	Excluded
Distressed	Discouraged	Uncertain	Disgusted	Inadequate	Unwanted
Alarmed	Empty	Flustered	Critical	Guilty	Rejected
Numb	Miserable	Lost	Enraged	Humiliated	Forsaken

# WHAT'S YOUR S.H.A.P.E.?



**DAY 1** – READ 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 AND PRAY asking the Father to guide your heart today

**S**

**Spiritual gifts I believe I have: (see below)**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**I feel I may have these gifts because:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**Spiritual gifts that COMMUNICATE God's Word:**

preaching   evangelism   missions   teaching   leadership

**Spiritual gifts that EDUCATE God's people:**

teaching   encouragement   exhortation   wisdom   discernment   knowledge

**Spiritual gifts that DEMONSTRATE God's Love:**

service   mercy   hospitality   pastoring   giving   helping   faith   administering

**H**

"Delight yourself in the lord and he will give you the desires of your heart."  
(Psalm 37:4)

**List some things you're good at and love doing:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**People compliment me when:**

**DAY 2 – READ I Corinthians 12:4-11 AND ASK the Holy Spirit to guide you again into all that Christ has taught**

**A**

**The following are my strongest abilities:**

1.

2

3.

**Other skills and/or abilities I'm learning and/or working on are:**

1.

2.

3.

**P**

**This is how I see myself: (circle 1 of the two words for each comment)**

1. Around others I am more:

**RESERVED or OUTGOING**

2. My decisions are based more on:

**FACTS/THINKING or FEELINGS**

3. In my relationships I tend to be more:

**DEPENDENT ON OTHERS or INDEPENDENT**

4. My use of time is more:

**DETERMINED or SPONTANEOUS**

**One example of why I circled each of the above is:**

1.

2.

3.

4.

**DAY 3** – READ Romans 8:18-28 AND ASK the Holy Spirit to guide you again into all that Christ has taught

**E**

My spiritual experience (or how I became a Christian) in 1 paragraph:

Some painful experiences that I've had:

A past experience I've learned from is:

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BRING IT ALL TOGETHER. Your part to play in God's larger story is...  
**to engage with strength and love**  
**offering life and growth to our domain**

If you could design a specific way to serve God and engage your domain around your unique S.H.A.P.E., and you knew you couldn't fail, you might:

**PRAY** – committing to prayer whatever the Father may be asking you to do or believe today in light of what you wrote above