



Experiences  
 Personality  
 Abilities  
 Heart  
 Spiritual Gifts

## My Experiences

This is the final week of our SHAPE discovery. The goal of our five week SHAPE series is to help you discover more about God’s plans for you. Once you have your results from the prompts below, please list your experience areas in your SHAPE tool box cover.

Fill-in blanks are provided inside the back cover page for each week’s discoveries about yourself. If you’ve missed one of the previous weeks, please pick up those sections from the table below the TV monitor in the Tower Hall area.

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### EXAMINING MY EXPERIENCES

*“And we know that in ALL things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:278*

*“Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel”  
 Philippians 1:12*

One of the most overlooked factors in determining the ministry God has for me is my past experience, particularly my hurts and problems I’ve overcome with God’s help. Since our greatest life messages come out of our weaknesses, not our strengths, we should pay close attention to what we’ve learned in the “school of hard knocks”.

### GOD NEVER WASTES A HURT!

HE WANTS YOU TO BE OPEN TO MINISTERING TO PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING THROUGH WHAT YOU’VE ALREADY BEEN THROUGH!

*“(God)... Wonderfully comforts and strengthens us in our hardships and trials. And why does he do this? So when others are troubled, needing our sympathy and encouragement, we can pass on to them the same help and comfort God has given us!” II Corinthians 1:3-4 (LB)*

RECORD THESE EXPERIENCES:

- Your Spiritual Experiences  
Meaningful decisions/times with God
  
- Your Painful Experiences  
Problems, hurts, trials that have taught you
  
- Your Educational Experiences  
What were your favorite subjects in school?
  
- Your Ministry Experiences  
How have you served in the past?

Looking back at these combined experiences, determine what types of areas you are now equipped for as a representative of Christ. Enter your experience areas in your SHAPE tool box booklet, on the space provided inside the back cover.