

God's Gracious Purpose Worksheet

For A workshop presented to Illinois Yearly Meeting, June 18, 2020 by Julia Pantoga

1. What if we regarded everything that happened in our lives, whether we judge it to be good or bad, as a “call” to practice ministry?
2. What if we assimilated all the wanted and unwanted elements of our experiences into our sweet lives?
3. What have been your calls?
4. How did you know?
5. Do you trust God to decide how you can best serve his gracious purpose?

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Slide 1: Me

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Slide 2: Introductions

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Meeting or Affiliation
Reason for being here

In Chat (by end of session):

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E-mail Address
Willingness to be added to Sharp Turn Institute mailing list

Slide 3: Components of Call Story

1. The condition of the protagonist before the call
2. The outstanding weaknesses and strengths of the protagonist
3. How God communicated with the protagonist
4. The gifts that resulted.

Slide 4 Photos of Me and My Cookies

Slide 5: My Call Story

1. The condition of the protagonist before the call: engaged in outside world, working full-time, shocked,
2. The outstanding weaknesses and strengths of the protagonist: kind of arrogant, afraid, smart, well-educated and trained as teacher
3. How God communicated with the protagonist: prayer, Meeting for Worship

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4. The gifts that resulted: sweetness, cookies, mission, means

Slide 6: Moses' Call: Exodus 3:1 - 5

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵

Slide 7: Moses' Call, Exodus 4:4 - 9

4 Then Moses answered, "But suppose they do not believe me or listen to me, but say, 'The Lord did not appear to you.'" ²The Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" He said, "A staff." ³And he said, "Throw it on the ground." So he threw the staff on the ground, and it became a snake; and Moses drew back from it. ⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, "Reach out your hand, and seize it by the tail"—so he reached out his hand and grasped it, and it became a staff in his hand— ⁵"so that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you."

⁶Again, the Lord said to him, "Put your hand inside your cloak." He put his hand into his cloak; and when he took it out, his hand was leprous, ^[a] as white as snow. ⁷Then God said, "Put your hand back into your cloak"—so he put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored like the rest of his body— ⁸"If they will not believe you or heed the first sign, they may believe the second sign. ⁹If they will not believe even these two signs or heed you, you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground; and the water that you shall take from the Nile will become blood on the dry ground."

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Slide 8: Moses' Call, Exodus 4:10 - 15

¹⁰ But Moses said to the Lord, "O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now that you have spoken to your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." ¹¹ Then the Lord said to him, "Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? ¹² Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak." ¹³ But he said, "O my Lord, please send someone else." ¹⁴ Then the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses and he said, "What of your brother Aaron the Levite? I know that he can speak fluently; even now he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you his heart will be glad. ¹⁵ You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth; and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and will teach you what you shall do. ¹⁶ He indeed shall speak for you to the people; he shall serve as a mouth for you, and you shall serve as God for him. ¹⁷ Take in your hand this staff, with which you shall perform the signs."

Slide 9: Moses' Call

1. The condition of the protagonist before the call: settled into marriage and work
2. The outstanding weaknesses and strengths of the protagonist: stutters, people won't listen to him
3. How God communicated with the protagonist: burning bush
4. The gifts that resulted: Moses leads Israelites out of Egypt

Slide 10: Gideon's Call Story

1. The condition of the protagonist before the call: one of suffering and disobedient Israelites
2. The outstanding weaknesses and strengths of the protagonist: weak, lacking faith
3. How God communicated with the protagonist: angel visit
4. The gifts that resulted: Israelites defeat Midianites

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Slide 11: Ezekiel 1:28 – 2:7

²⁸When I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of someone speaking.

Chapter 2

He said to me: O mortal stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. ² And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³ He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴ The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." ⁵ Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them. ⁶ And you, O mortal, do not be afraid of them, and do not be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns surround you and you live among scorpions; do not be afraid of their words, and do not be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. ⁷ You shall speak my words to them, whether they hear or refuse to hear; for they are a rebellious house.

Slide 12: Ezekiel 2:8 – 3:3

⁸ But you, mortal, hear what I say to you; do not be rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you. ⁹ I looked, and a hand was stretched out to me, and a written scroll was in it. ¹⁰ He spread it before me; it had writing on the front and on the back, and written on it were words of lamentation and mourning and woe.

Chapter 3

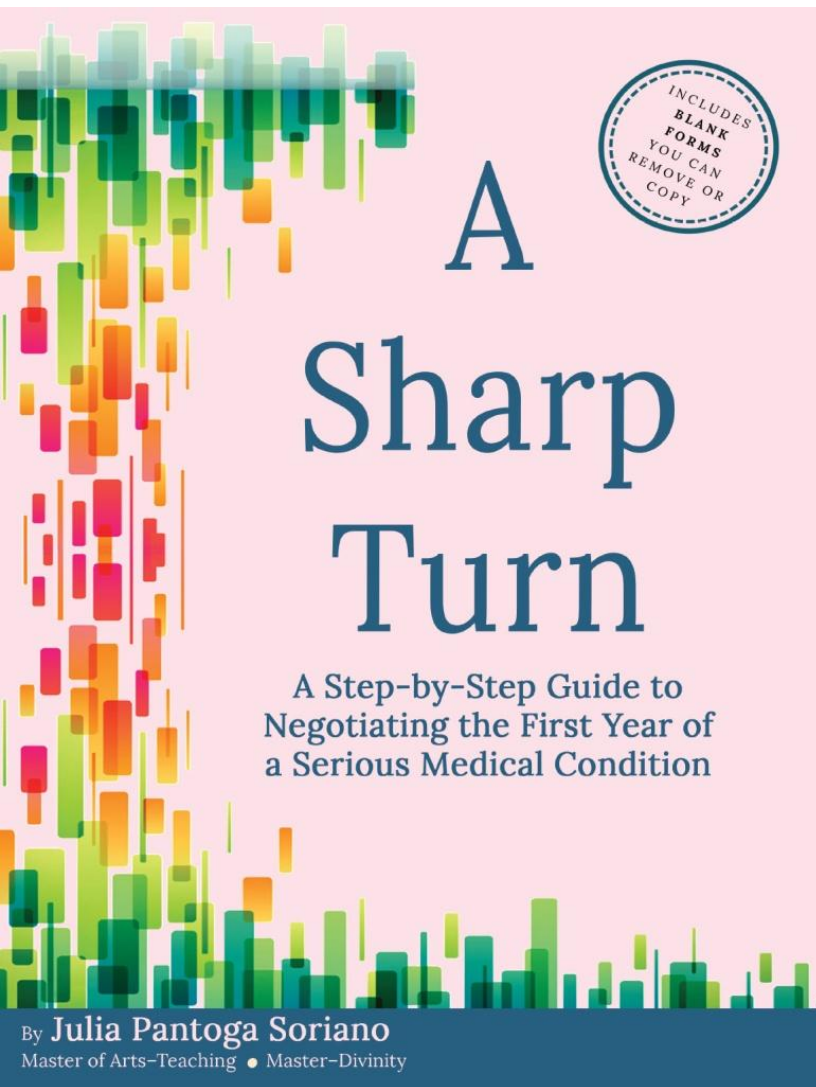
He said to me, O mortal, eat what is offered to you; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel. ² So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. ³ He said to me, Mortal, eat this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it. Then I ate it; and in my mouth it was as sweet as honey.

Slide 13: Ezekiel's Call Story

1. The condition of the protagonist before the call: fell on his face after vision
2. The outstanding weaknesses and strengths of the protagonist: doesn't like to eat papyrus, has visions, well-educated and worldly, persistent
3. How God communicated with the protagonist: Spirit speaks to him from within
4. The gifts that resulted: Israel restored

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