

# HEART SHAPED ABILITIES

## SHAPED FOR SIGNIFICANCE – PART 2

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### **START TALKING. WITH AN ICEBREAKER QUESTION:**

- What celebrity did you have a crush on when you were a teenager?

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### **START THINKING. ASK QUESTIONS THAT WILL GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.**

- How many idioms/phrases can you think of that include the word, “Heart?”
- What does our culture mean when it says, “The heart wants what it wants?”
- Read the scriptures on the next pages in preparation for the following conversation.

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### **START SHARING. CHOOSE THE QUESTIONS THAT WILL CREATE OPENNESS.**

- What is something you love about your job so much, you would do it without pay?
- Why does “follow your heart” seem like such good advice?
- Read Psalm 37:4-5. What does the Bible mean when it says, “he will give you the desires of your heart?”
- Describe a situation where you watched someone “follow their heart” instead of “lead their heart?”
- How does someone commit “all of their heart” to Jesus?
- Abilities: What is a unique ability you have? Don’t think “stupid human tricks,” but, rare, uncommon, out of the ordinary ability.
- Referring to the above question, can members in the group find a way that the unique abilities were shared, could be used to glorify God?
- How have your abilities helped show God’s plan for your life?
- For the last part of the message, Pastor Mark unpacked the Parable of the Talents. Read it aloud to the group. Share your observations.

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### **START PRAYING. BE BOLD, AND PRAY WITH POWER.**

- Father, I want to lead my heart in ways that honor You. Forgive me for selling myself short, and You, concerning my abilities. Thank you for what you’ve allowed me to be good at. Amen.

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### **START DOING. COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.**

- When someone praises you this week, or compliments you, receive it. Then thank God for making you good at that.

**Matthew 12:34 (NIV)**

<sup>34</sup> For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.

**Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)**

<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

**Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)**

<sup>23</sup> Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

**1 Corinthians 12:4-6 (NIV)**

<sup>4</sup> There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.

<sup>5</sup> There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.

<sup>6</sup> There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.

**1 Corinthians 10:31 (NIV)**

<sup>31</sup> So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

## **Matthew 25:14-26 (NIV)**

<sup>14</sup> "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them.

<sup>15</sup> To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey.

<sup>16</sup> The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more.

<sup>17</sup> So also, the one with the two talents gained two more.

<sup>18</sup> But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

<sup>19</sup> "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.

<sup>20</sup> The man who had received the five talents brought the other five.

'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.'

<sup>21</sup> "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

<sup>22</sup> "The man with the two talents also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.'

<sup>23</sup> "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

<sup>24</sup> "Then the man who had received the one talent came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed.

<sup>25</sup> So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

<sup>26</sup> "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed?