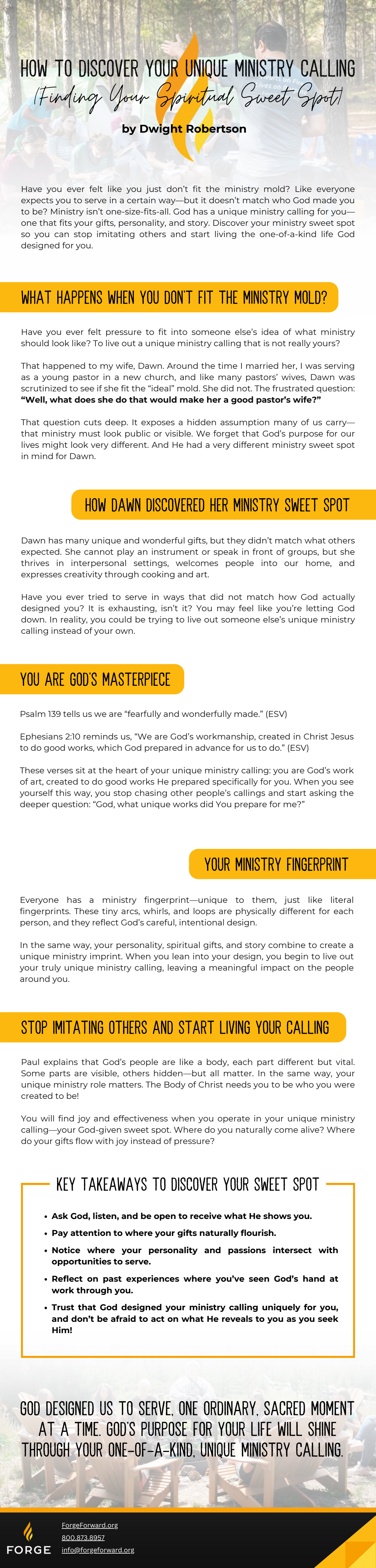




HOW TO DISCOVER YOUR UNIQUE MINISTRY CALLING

(Finding Your Spiritual Sweet Spot)

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Have you ever felt like you just don't fit the ministry mold? Like everyone expects you to serve in a certain way—but it doesn't match who God made you to be? Ministry isn't one-size-fits-all. God has a unique ministry calling for you—one that fits your gifts, personality, and story. Discover your ministry sweet spot so you can stop imitating others and start living the one-of-a-kind life God designed for you.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DON'T FIT THE MINISTRY MOLD?

Have you ever felt pressure to fit into someone else's idea of what ministry should look like? To live out a unique ministry calling that is not really yours?

That happened to my wife, Dawn. Around the time I married her, I was serving as a young pastor in a new church, and like many pastors' wives, Dawn was scrutinized to see if she fit the "ideal" mold. She did not. The frustrated question: **"Well, what does she do that would make her a good pastor's wife?"**

That question cuts deep. It exposes a hidden assumption many of us carry—that ministry must look public or visible. We forget that God's purpose for our lives might look very different. And He had a very different ministry sweet spot in mind for Dawn.

HOW DAWN DISCOVERED HER MINISTRY SWEET SPOT

Dawn has many unique and wonderful gifts, but they didn't match what others expected. She cannot play an instrument or speak in front of groups, but she thrives in interpersonal settings, welcomes people into our home, and expresses creativity through cooking and art.

Have you ever tried to serve in ways that did not match how God actually designed you? It is exhausting, isn't it? You may feel like you're letting God down. In reality, you could be trying to live out someone else's unique ministry calling instead of your own.

YOU ARE GOD'S MASTERPIECE

Psalms 139 tells us we are "fearfully and wonderfully made." (ESV)

Ephesians 2:10 reminds us, "We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (ESV)

These verses sit at the heart of your unique ministry calling: you are God's work of art, created to do good works He prepared specifically for you. When you see yourself this way, you stop chasing other people's callings and start asking the deeper question: "God, what unique works did You prepare for me?"

YOUR MINISTRY FINGERPRINT

Everyone has a ministry fingerprint—unique to them, just like literal fingerprints. These tiny arcs, whirls, and loops are physically different for each person, and they reflect God's careful, intentional design.

In the same way, your personality, spiritual gifts, and story combine to create a unique ministry imprint. When you lean into your design, you begin to live out your truly unique ministry calling, leaving a meaningful impact on the people around you.

STOP IMITATING OTHERS AND START LIVING YOUR CALLING

Paul explains that God's people are like a body, each part different but vital. Some parts are visible, others hidden—but all matter. In the same way, your unique ministry role matters. The Body of Christ needs you to be who you were created to be!

You will find joy and effectiveness when you operate in your unique ministry calling—your God-given sweet spot. Where do you naturally come alive? Where do your gifts flow with joy instead of pressure?

KEY TAKEAWAYS TO DISCOVER YOUR SWEET SPOT

- **Ask God, listen, and be open to receive what He shows you.**
- **Pay attention to where your gifts naturally flourish.**
- **Notice where your personality and passions intersect with opportunities to serve.**
- **Reflect on past experiences where you've seen God's hand at work through you.**
- **Trust that God designed your ministry calling uniquely for you, and don't be afraid to act on what He reveals to you as you seek Him!**

GOD DESIGNED US TO SERVE, ONE ORDINARY, SACRED MOMENT AT A TIME. GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE WILL SHINE THROUGH YOUR ONE-OF-A-KIND, UNIQUE MINISTRY CALLING.



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