

You Are On God's Team

Activities

God Uses your Gifts (Priscilla)

Celebration Table

Ask some trusted co-workers, ministry team leaders or friends to join you once a month for a "Celebration Table." Over a meal, share what God is doing or what he has accomplished in your life in the past month. This is not about pride, but it is an affirming and empowering moment. Each person brings to the table something that she has conquered, engaged in, or created. This builds confidence and trust in God when your friends or co-workers see you step out, watch God work, and affirm one another. Give God the praise!

Courage Journal

Start recording ways you have exhibited confidence, courage, or trust. Perhaps you spoke up in a meeting instead of letting the moment pass by or taken on a new responsibility. Maybe you said "yes" instead of "no" or "no" instead of "yes." It could involve your walk with God in paying more attention to your prayer life or praying out loud in a group. Whatever feels like a step forward to you, record it. Look back on these things when you need a reminder of where you've been and how God is growing you.

God Uses your Story (Tabitha)

What is your sphere of influence? What do you do? Who do you see every day that you need to pay more attention to? Who in your family needs more love? Children? Children's friends? Who in your neighborhood needs someone who cares? What person in your workplace needs prayer? What activities are you involved in? God has you there for a reason. What you do and who you know are important.

Make a list of your different areas of influence, and write down names of people involved in each area. Ask God how he wants to use you as an influence for good in their lives. Ask him to help you love these people more.

God Uses your Availability (Lydia)

Surrender is about letting go and being available to God. It is not about apathy or carelessness, but it is about placing your life into God's hands. Think about what surrender looked like for Lydia in Acts 16:13-15. What did it look like for Jesus? Surrender involves prayer and an openness and willingness to listen and allow God to use you.

Look through this list and ask God what you might be holding too tightly, or add to the list. What do you need to surrender? What is standing in your way, keeping you from being more confident in your purpose and more trusting that God will grow and use you by transforming your life? What is more important than letting Jesus live his life through you, accomplishing what he wants to accomplish? You are an essential part of God's team, as Lydia was.

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| Possessions | Hobbies | Control |
| Past | Failures | Perfectionism |
| Appearance | Food | Anger |
| Fear | Guilt | Children |
| Laziness | Selfishness | TV |
| Social Media | Gossip | Shopping |
| Success | Expectations | Future |