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Running from God's Will?

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-1 Corinthians 12:11

Have you ever run from the will of God for your life, thinking, "I could never do that"?

After I became a believer, I sensed that God was calling me to preach. Now, I wasn't the person who got up in front of crowds and just started talking. Like most people, I had a serious fear of public speaking.

I was more of a behind-the-scenes guy. I liked to design and do things of that nature. But I had a sneaking fear that one day God would call me to preach. However, the reason that I didn't want to be a preacher was because I thought so many of them were simply strange creatures. I thought they were just weird.

I remember one such person when I was a kid. I'd go to Corona del Mar Beach in Newport Beach, where there often was a man dressed head to toe in black, complete with a wide-brimmed black hat. And he'd tell all of us that we were going to Hell.

I'd stand there in my board shorts and T-shirt and think, "What is wrong with him? I hope I never have to do that." I didn't want to be that guy.

And now here I am, a preacher.

Maybe you've said, "Lord, you can give me *this* gift, but don't give me *that* gift." But it's God who decides which gifts He will give to which person. The apostle Paul had this to say about spiritual gifts: "But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills" (1 Corinthians 12:11 NKJV).

God is not looking for ability nearly as much as He is looking for availability. You may feel unqualified to serve the Lord. But God doesn't call the qualified; He qualifies the called.