

# Story

*You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. Psalm 139:16*

Your life is a story that God has been writing since long before you were born. Each of the answers you have provided in this GPS assessment has been informed by that story. The question now is, "what is the next step in my story?" The answer to this question is partially discovered through two practices; personal reflection and peer feedback. This section of GPS will guide you through some personal reflection in order to prepare you for requesting peer feedback.

We will prompt you to think back on your life... encouraging you to identify those times when the different gifts and passions were active, even if you were not aware of it. All areas of life, even those that we would rather forget, provide meaningful clues. Pay particular attention to your education, recreation, career, relationships, achievements, and struggles.

This reflection exercise should not be rushed. Many have benefitted from asking their friends and family members if and when they have seen these gifts and passions at work in the past. A few examples are often plenty to get the ideas rolling.

## Looking Back Into Your Story

Take a few minutes to reflect on your top Spiritual Gifts. As you read the definitions, list any memories you have of those gifts being used or developed in your past.

Take a few minutes to reflect on your top three Natural Gifts and Skills. Please identify a few times when these abilities were used or being developed in your past.

Take a few minutes to reflect on the People and the Causes you selected in the Passion section. Please identify any life experiences that may have led to developing these passions in you. As a reminder, our greatest passions emerge out of our greatest struggles.

Take a few minutes to reflect on your Primary and Secondary Influencing Styles. Please identify a few life experiences where you recognize these styles being used and developed in your past.

### Looking Forward to the Next Chapter of Your Story

If God could use your story to change His world how would you want Him to do it?

What would the people closest to you say you are passionate about?

When you get near your deathbed, what is the one regret (apart from your family) you want to make sure you do not have?

## My Next Step In the Story

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this GPS assessment.

Now that you've received your results for your gifts and passions and reflected on your story, you may find that you have all the information you need to live out your unique Kingdom role. You have a good grasp on your gifts, passions and story and how they intersect to empower you to live on mission. If that's the case, we celebrate that with you and commission you to go and be the peace, power, and presence of Jesus everywhere you step!

Yet, for others, this may simply be the start of your journey. This process has stirred more questions in you than before you began. If that's the case, we invite you to join us for a follow-up coaching session. We have a team of GPS coaches who would love to meet with you and help you process your assessment results in a 1-on-1 context. They will provide a listening and discerning ear and can provide helpful next steps in your discovery journey.

*For more information on meeting with a GPS coach to process your assessment results, please email [cwood@salemalliance.org](mailto:cwood@salemalliance.org).*