

SKILLS TRAINING

Everyone on God's team has a particular position to play based on their abilities, gifts and skills God has given to them.

After the Red Sea experience, Moses went up onto Mt Sinai where God gave him many detailed instructions including how to build a Tabernacle.

Exodus 31:18 The Lord finished speaking to Moses on Mount Sinai. Then He gave him the two tablets with His words on them, stone tablets inscribed by God Himself.

Moses comes down from the mountain and finds the people worshipping a Golden Calf.

God wasn't impressed with their behaviour and Moses pleads to God on their behalf for mercy.

In *Exodus 35* Moses calls the Israelites to start building the Tabernacle. The people were not disqualified from serving God for their disobedience.

The Tabernacle was a place to worship of God.

THE ISRAELITES USED THEIR SKILLS TO BUILD THE TABERNACLE.

Exodus 35:10 *Let all the skilled workers come and make everything the Lord commanded.*

Exodus 35:25-26 *Every skilled woman used her hands to make the blue, purple, and red thread, and fine linen, and they brought what they had made. ²⁶ All the women who were skilled and wanted to help made thread of the goat hair.*

Exodus 36:1 *So Bezalel, Oholiab, and every skilled person will do the work the Lord has commanded, because he gave them the wisdom and understanding to do all the skilled work needed to build the Holy Tent.*

When the Tabernacle was completed, the presence of God showed-up in the form of a cloud that everybody could see.

Exodus 40:34-38 *Then the cloud covered the Meeting Tent and the glory of the Lord filled the Holy Tent. ³⁵ Moses could not enter the Meeting Tent, because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the Holy Tent. ³⁶ When the cloud rose from the Holy Tent, the Israelites would begin to travel, ³⁷ but as long as the cloud stayed on the Holy Tent, they did not travel. They stayed in that place until the cloud rose. ³⁸ So the cloud of the Lord was over the Holy Tent during the day, and there was a fire in the cloud at night. So all the Israelites could see the cloud while they travelled.*

God wants us to do something with our lives that is bigger than ourselves!

When we are available to be used by God, He will use our skill set to fulfill His purposes.

We all have God-given potential - a designed skill set.

1 Peter 4:10 (erv) God has shown you His grace in many different ways. So be good servants and use whatever gift He has given you in a way that will best serve each other.

WE ARE A WORK OF ART.

Ephesians 2:10a (nlt) For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus...

The word “*masterpiece*” could also be translated **craftsmanship**.

Each of us are God's unique **work of art**. We all have God-given skills to do great things for Him.

*Ephesians 2:10 (nlt) For we are **God's masterpiece**. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the **good things** He planned for us long ago.*

“*Good things*” are specific things that God has always had in mind for us and assigned us to do.

Getting into the game is to use our God given skills to serve God by serving others, and to serve in the tabernacle (the Church).

When the cloud of God's presence hovered over the Tabernacle, these former slaves had to be thinking, "*Wow, I had something to do with that!*"

That was not just ***their*** gift to God - it was God's gift to ***them*** to be involved in something so much bigger than them!

A church is a community of people who should experience God living in and among them.

Ephesians 2:21 In Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit.

This is what "*church*" is meant to be: not a building or an organization, but a group of people who reveal God so others can experience Him.

WE ARE TO USE OUR SKILL SET, TO FULFILL GOD'S PURPOSES.

So, let us use our skills in contributing to God's game plan of redemption to help lost people find their way back to God.