

# APRIL 2021 Q+A

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(Michelle)

Your burdens will likely lead you to your calling. - SP

We create striving habits that steal from our purpose.

These are not just merely habits, they are strongholds.

Strongholds that we have to surrender to God and He has to destroy.

Sideways striving distracts you from doing what He actually calls you to do.

We wouldn't have a cancel culture if we didn't have a pedestal culture first.

Cancel culture won't end until Christian celebrity culture does.

**GOD CARES MORE ABOUT THE MESSAGE HE GAVE YOU TO SHARE THAN YOU DO.**

Your job is obedience, God's job is everything else.

Don't think being called to teach the Bible means if there's not a place for me to teach the Bible at my church that I need a new church or I can't serve. Jump in wherever there is a need, and trust that God is building you.

I learned to teach the Bible in my local church + with friends.

If you get more joy when someone learns from you than when Jesus saves a soul, it's time to take a step back.

Some are called to teach but ALL are called to evangelism.

Somer's burden:

The woman who is or who loves and serves another woman who has been turned off to Christianity by "Christians".

The women who is or who loves and serves the woman who thinks the roof will cave in if she walks into a church.

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The woman who is or who loves and serves primarily outside of the Christian bubble.

Ephesians 2

I am called to the middle because that's where Jesus is.

Just because it can be shared out loud doesn't mean it should be shared out loud.

How do I balance ambition with contentment? (Michelle)

“more” could possibly mean smaller or less seen.

Contentment is not simply about settling for what we have, but trusting in what God has said

Contentment is satisfaction.

1 Timothy 6:10

What does “Flirting with More” practically look like?

- Do you constantly think about what you'll do when \_\_\_\_\_ is bigger?
- Do you believe more \_\_\_\_\_ would solve your problems?
- Do you gain motivation when there is more \_\_\_\_\_ and lose motivation when there is less \_\_\_\_\_?
- Do you fight envy when someone has more \_\_\_\_\_ than you?

When God puts MORE on your heart, what He means when He calls you to more – is more OF Him and more FOR others.

Let your burden lead your ambition.

Can you give some practical help in thinking about generosity before profitability? (Somer)

What do you need in your daily life?

It will look different for every one of us.

Anything above and beyond what you need, you should be generous with.

Is it possible to idolize Bible literacy? (Michelle)

Yes, we can idolize anything.

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We worship certain texts and use them to create doctrines – doctrine is supposed to be a summary of Scripture as a whole, not what one verse says – because it takes the whole Word to get the whole counsel of God.

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It's possible to know about God more than you know God.

James 1:22

Don't read the Bible for knowledge – read it to know God.

Serve people who are hurting and can offer you nothing.

The world runs on money, power and pleasure.

Can you talk about the difference between encouragement and affirmation? (Somer)

Encouragement is help and support.

Affirmation is the declaration of the truth.

You can affirm and encourage but if you NEED affirmation to feel like you can continue with your calling, you are in a dangerous place.

Affirm and encourage when the Lord calls you to.

Point out the way God is using someone, not just them.

Encourage/affirm quietly.

I'm confused by the differing opinions on women's roles in the church. I respect leaders on both sides of the argument, and I've learned from all of them. What should I do with this?

This is a non-salvation issue.

Having to choose a “side” takes focus and energy away from the gospel.

What I'm not going to tell you is what my personal convictions are – because I want you to go to God's Word for yourself – not a social media post, not a book – but God's Word.

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Genesis 1-3

Exodus 15

Judges 4

Ruth

1 Samuel 25

Esther

Proverbs 31

Matthew 27-28

Luke 2

Luke 8

Luke 10:38-42

Acts 16

Acts 18

Romans 16

1 Corinthians 11-14

Galatians 3

Ephesians 4-5

Philippians 4

Colossians 4

1 Timothy 2-5

2 Timothy 1

Titus 2

1 Peter 3

Understand what the Church is before you answer this for yourself. - SP