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You Don't Have to Scream to be Heard

(How to be an original, not a karaoke clone)
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"The Lord said to me, 'I knew you before you were formed within your mother's womb; before you were born I sanctified you and appointed you as my spokesman to the world.' 'O Lord God,' I said, 'I can't do that! I'm far too young! I'm only a youth!' 'Don't say that,'" (Jer 1:4-9 TLB)

"MY WORK WAS TO plant the seed in your hearts, and **APOLLOS' WORK WAS TO** water it, but it was God, not we, who made the garden grow in your hearts. " (1 Cor 3:6-8 TLB)

My 4 BIG struggles

To **think** my own **thoughts**.

To **feel** my own **feelings**.

To **choose** my own **path**.

To **find** my own **voice**.

What's your "1" thing?"

What makes you **creatively alive**?

"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love

that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us," (Eph 3:16-20 NIV)

What makes you **beautifully angry**?

"In the Temple area he saw merchants selling cattle, sheep, and doves for sacrifices, and moneychangers behind their counters. Jesus made a whip from some ropes and chased them all out, and drove out the sheep and oxen, scattering the moneychangers' coins over the floor and turning over their tables! Then, going over to the men selling doves, he told them, 'Get these things out of here. Don't turn my Father's House into a market!'" (John 2:14-16 TLB)

What makes you **weep**?

"Jesus wept." (John 11:35 NIV)

What fills you up **with joy**?

What makes you quit **asking what time it is**?

What would you do if you didn't **need the money**?

"The wealth of the rich is their fortified city; they imagine it an unscalable wall. Before his downfall a man's heart is proud, but humility comes before honor." (Prov 18:11-12 NIV)

"And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." (Phil 4:19 NIV)

"Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him to help you do it, and he will. Your innocence will be clear to everyone. He will vindicate you with the blazing light of justice shining down as from the noonday sun. Rest in the Lord; wait patiently for him to act. Don't be envious of evil men who prosper. Stop your anger! Turn off your wrath. Don't fret and worry--it only leads to harm." (Psa 37:5-8 TLB)