



Equipping Christians
to live out their unique
God-given purpose

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Fire! - Aim - Ready

It's the start of a brand new year - 2011. The old is gone; the new has come. Whatever happened in 2010 doesn't matter because 2011 is a fresh start filled with hopes and dreams.

The question is: *Will your 2011 ministry happen to you? Or will it be shaped by you?* It would be crazy to fire a gun without first aiming it. That's a disaster waiting to happen. In the same way, it's crazy to begin the year without aiming at some predetermined targets. Someone has said, *"If you don't know where you're going, any road will get you there."* And you're likely to end up where you didn't want or expect to go.

The truth is: life happens! You can't control every variable. But you have a better chance of coping with life's unexpected challenges if you do some advanced planning. Thankfully, as a Christian you can ask God to guide you in your planning so you're heading in the direction He wants you to go. Psalm 32:8 says, *"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you"* (Psalm 32:8).

When you know your unique purpose in life, your ministry goals become the means of fulfilling your calling. For example, my calling is to teach Christians to live out their unique, God-given calling. Therefore, my 2011 ministry goals are directly related to fulfilling the work God has given me. So I have 3 goals for the coming year: 1) To write a book on the topic of calling; 2) To teach at least one seminar outside my current opportunities in Chicago and North Carolina; and 3) To train pastors about spiritual gifts in at least one foreign country that I haven't visited before.

Designed to Serve exists to help you know and live out the unique purpose God created you to undertake. God has a ministry assignment that only you can fulfill. He designed and equipped you with everything you need to accomplish this assignment. But first you have to know what it is. Otherwise your ministry philosophy is simple: **Ready - Fire! - Aim.**

This is your one and only life. There are no second chances. Make your life count for Christ by knowing and completing the work given to you by God.

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