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to live out their unique
God-given purpose

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Tamara Peterson

Someone has said, *"You don't find your calling; your calling finds you."* This old adage has certainly been true for graphic artist Tamara Peterson.

When Tamara's stepfather suffered a stroke, she stayed with him at the hospital around the clock. She decided to keep a journal, but instead of merely writing, Tamara drew pictures, pasted clippings, and designed beautiful backgrounds on each page. She used everyday art supplies – sharpies, crayons, wrapping paper, etc.

When Tamara told a close friend about the idea her friend said, *"You have to show this to my Bible study group."* As others heard about it, Tamara started receiving requests to speak to other groups. Another friend works at WMBI, the flagship radio station of the Moody Bible Institute. Before long, Tamara was on the radio telling listeners about her creative journaling.

An amazing thing happened. Listeners from other states started inviting Tamara to teach this approach at their churches. God has expanded the scope of her ministry across the country; moreover, WMBI reaches an international audience and it's likely she will soon be traveling to other countries.

Although Tamara wants people to journal creatively, she has a deeper purpose. Through artwork, she wants individuals to better understand *who* God made them to be and *what* His unique purpose is for them on earth. God has used Tamara's natural ability and training in graphic arts to reveal His calling for her.

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