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WEEK 4

Heroes, Claire survives accidents, I survived at least 10 car accidents... God must have something big for me / Tightrope desire to accomplish and desire for comfort.

The desire for impact is hard-wired into our souls because we are made in the **IMAGE OF GOD**.

Stephen Covey :: Urgent v. Important

Covey's Question: What one thing could you do that if done extremely well for your whole life would change the world?

### Every Life Makes an Impact

Samson's Story (Judges 13-16)

God's plans will come about

**BECAUSE OF** you or **IN SPITE OF** you.

Samson's Successes were the result of previous Failures.

Active, positive impact requires...

**KNOWLEDGE, OPPORTUNITY, CHARACTER, & FAITH**

### Knowledge: What to do and how?

#### Clue #1: God's **COMMANDS**

Shine the Light

Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe

Philippians 2:14-15

Serve others / Meet a need

And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward.

Matthew 10:42

Share Jesus

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

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#### Clue #2: My **GIFTS**

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contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

Romans 12:6-8

#### Clue #3: My **PASSIONS & Personality**

Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalms 37:4

Apply the commands and the gifts by being YOU! // Eg. Public Speaking v. Hospitality

#### Opportunity: What difference can I make?

Deanna in Peoria: Single and Serving

A lack of **OPPORTUNITY** is just a **DIFFERENT** opportunity.

Experiences, limits, sphere of influence

**WHERE + WHAT + WHO** = Opportunity

Green Lake Art Gallery // Skylight Coffeehouse // "NO" to some missionaries

#### Character: What am I willing to do?

#### Obstacle #1: **LAZINESS**

Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.

James 4:17

Sabbath command

#### Obstacle #2: **DISTRACTION**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

Hebrews 12:1

#### Obstacle #3: **PRIDE**

But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

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#### Faith: Am I ready to risk?

If I Obey God, He Will Take Care Of The Rest.

God's past **FAITHFULNESS** is my foundation for future **RISK**.

...so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:11

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NEXT WEEK: HOW TO GET CLARITY IN YOUR LIFE.

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