

# God's Calm

Fall 2021 | Week 3

Sermon Date 10/17/2021

## MY STORY



- 1) Share about a positive childhood memory.
- 2) Share about a time that God really showed up in your life (i.e., answered prayer, provision, presence, etc.).

## QUICK REVIEW



- 1) What caught your attention from Sunday's message?

## DIGGING DEEPER / TAKING IT HOME



Craig unpacked how using our time, talents, and treasures can have a huge impact in the lives of others. Each of us have gifts that God has given to us. I like to think of it this way, God has actually ENTRUSTED gifts to me. How will I use them to impact others? Many times, when we receive a "gift" it's due to a special occasion. We view that gift in the context of, it's for us. That's why I like to see God's gifts to me as something that has been entrusted to me. I must care for it and use it. God entrusts gifts to each one of us to impact others.

Romans 12:6-8 (NLT)

*<sup>6</sup> In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. <sup>7</sup> If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. <sup>8</sup> If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.*

- 1) By whom and what do we receive these gifts?
- 2) What is grace?
- 3) What does God desire for us to do with the gifts He has entrusted us with?

- 4) What would it look like to use our entrusted gifts well and properly?
- 5) Why do you think God entrusted each of us with gifts?
- 6) Read through the gifts listed and carefully think about what the gift(s) might be that God has entrusted to you.
- 7) Outside of the gifts listed in Romans 12:6-8, what are other gifts you may have?
- 8) Notice that after each gift listed in Romans 12:6-10 there is a call to action. How are we to use the gifts mentioned in this passage?
- 9) Take time to discuss what the benefits of serving others might be.

## **CHAIR TIME TOOLS**



Read the following verses.

*Romans 12:6-10, 1 Peter 4:10-11, Matthew 5:14-16, Colossians 3:23-24, Ephesians 2:10*

1. Take time as you read through these verses and ask yourself: “What is God asking me to do in order to live this out in my life right now?”
2. Pray that God would reveal your gifting.
3. Ask God to make your next steps clear.

<sup>1</sup> Tyndale House Publishers, *Holy Bible: New Living Translation* (Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 2015), Romans 12:6-10, 1Peter 4:10.