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## I Want The “Big Assignment” From God

An *Experiencing God* Devotional Experience

### Introduction

These devotional guides were written to help you deepen your walk with God as we go through this season of *Experiencing God* together as a church. As part of your experience, you may want to read the scriptures referenced here in context to get a broader understanding of the concepts introduced. As you complete this experience, you may also want to record the things that God speaks to you in a journal and share them with your small group. There is no “right” or “wrong” way to complete this devotional. Feel free to respond as the Lord leads!

### God Develops Character to Match the Assignment

*When God speaks with the purpose of revealing an assignment to you, you need to trust what He says. He knows exactly what He is doing in and through your life. Don't rule out what God may be saying just because it doesn't match what you want to hear or what you think is possible.*

*When God called Abram, He said, “I will bless you, I will make your name great” (Gen. 12:2). That means “I will develop your character to match your assignment.”*

***Nothing is more pathetic than a small character in a big assignment.***

*Many of us don't want to give attention to our character. We just want the big assignment from God.*

*Once God has given you a sense of the direction He is leading and you have said “yes”, give Him all the time He wants to develop you into the kind of person He can trust with the assignment. Don't assume that the moment God calls, you are ready for the role. Two important biblical characters demonstrate the need for a time to grow:*

1. **David.** *How long was it after God anointed David as king that David attained the throne? Perhaps ten or twelve years. What was God doing during that time? He was building David's relationship with Him so David could lead the nation according to God's purposes.*
2. **Paul.** *How long was it after the Lord called Paul on the Damascus Road that he went on his first missionary journey? Maybe ten or eleven years. God wanted to redeem a lost world, and He wanted to reach the Gentiles through Paul. God took time to prepare Paul for that critical assignment.*

*Is it for your sake alone that God takes time to prepare you? No, it is also for the good of those He wants to reach through your life. For their benefit, pursue the kind of relationship with God I am describing. Then, when He chooses to work mightily through your life, He will achieve what He wants in the lives of those you touch.*

*God will work to develop your character for the assignment He has in mind.*

(*Experiencing God*, 156-163)

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## Engage

1. What is the danger of “small character in a big assignment”?
2. How might God be building your character and trust in Him right now in preparation for a new assignment?
3. Have you been willing to accept small assignments from God? How do you think God would evaluate your willingness to be faithful in a little?
4. Do you need God to guide you specifically in a situation in your life? If so, how might you prepare to receive the next guidance He gives you?
5. Dedicate some time to purposefully interact with God around this topic of God’s silence perhaps through a prayer walk, time the word, journaling, or silence. Share your experience with your group.

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