



# Welcome

- Getting to know you - Introductions
- Favorite \_\_\_\_\_
- What season of life are you in?
- What do you hope for today?



# Objectives



- Grow in a biblical perspective of aging: Who, What, and Where of flourishing
- Identify the gifts God gives to empower us to age with grace in an anti-aging culture
- Identify and understand the ways to use our spiritual gifts to serve others (Vocations)





## Sharing


- Who are you? Are you who you expected to be?
- Who do you want to be?
  
- When you think about aging, what comes to mind?
  
- What is your greatest joy?
- What is your greatest fear or concern in this season of life?
- What is the hardest challenge and greatest benefit of aging?





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Psalm 92:12-15 ESV



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|  <p>Vocations Across the Ages</p> | <h1>Flourishing</h1> <p>WHO will flourish?</p> <p>WHAT does Flourishing mean?</p> <p>WHERE do we Flourishing?</p> <p>HOW do we Flourish?</p> <p>9</p> |
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## What does Flourishing Look Like?

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you.

Psalm 51:10-13

[https://youtu.be/2t02Az5\\_REc](https://youtu.be/2t02Az5_REc)



## Sharing

- What does flourishing look to YOU?
- Are you currently flourishing in your life?
- What do you need to flourish?





## Growing in Grace

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.  
Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.  
Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my  
salvation;

For you, I wait all the day long.

You have made known to me the paths of life;  
You will make me full of gladness with Your presence.

**Ps 119:105, Ps 25:4-5, Acts 2:28**



Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the  
ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and  
walk in it, and you will find rest for your Souls

**Jeremiah 6:16 NIV**





## Vocation

We love our neighbors through our work

“For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he out to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.”

Romans 12:3



## Joseph’s Calling ...

*To save and provide for an entire nation!*

He [God] called down famine on the land and destroyed all their supplies of food; and he sent a man before them— Joseph, sold as a slave. They bruised his feet with shackles, his neck was put in irons, till what he foretold came to pass, till the word of the Lord proved him true. The king sent and released him, the ruler of peoples set him free

Psalm 105:16-20 NIV





### Lessons from Joseph – Goal Setting

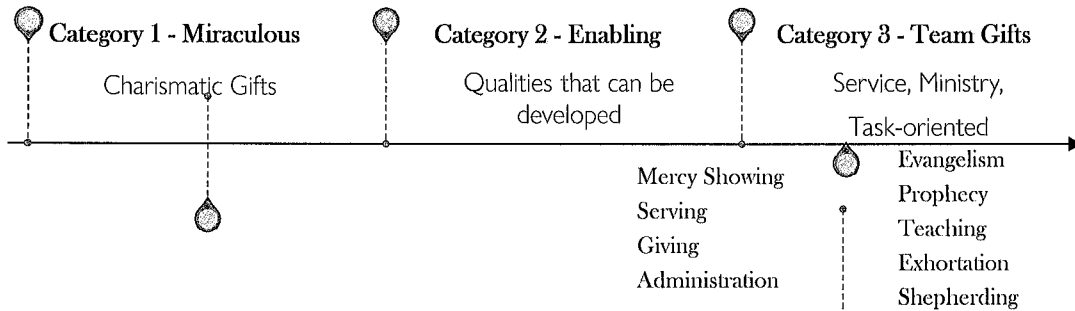
- Elevated from prison to palace – used his gifts wisely
- Plan to save Egypt and the rest of the world from famine
- Set goals and worked toward them so there would be more than enough storehouses and grain for food



## Spiritual Gifts




# Spiritual Gifts



## Sharing

- What are your spiritual gifts?
- Are you currently flourishing with them?
- What do you need to flourish?



**Service in our  
Community**


Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law? Jesus replied: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.

Matthew 22:36-40 NIV

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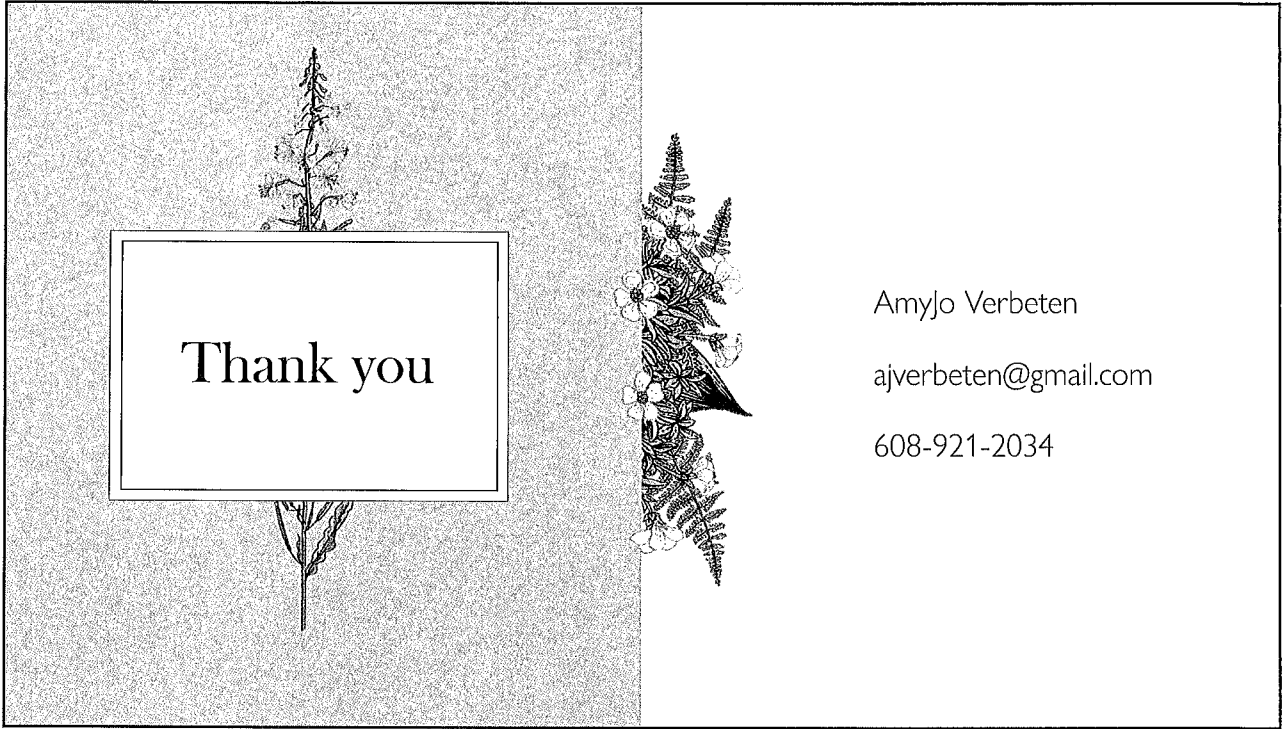
**Ways to Serve the Church Community  
Ministry Ideas**

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| WHY to Serve? | WHO to Serve? | HOW to Serve? |
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