

## **E.xperience Discovery Questions**

**One of the most overlooked factors in determining your S.H.A.P.E. is the experiences you have had. No one else has the history that you do and God has overseen that sometimes with important purposes and planning. He often uses our experiences to prepare us for something later in life.**

**For example, consider the life of Joseph in Gen. 37-50. And consider these New Testament statements from Paul:**

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup> who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.* 2 Cor. 1:3-4

*Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel.* Phil 1:12

**To discover how God may be at work in your history, consider these questions:**

1. What spiritual experiences have you had? This may be training you have received or meaningful times of ministry or decisions/times with God at your side.
2. What painful experiences have you been brought through that God might want to use to help you minister to others: physical difficulty, emotional, hurts, trials, lessons learned.
3. What educational experiences have you had that have equipped you for ministry?
4. What types of ministry experiences have you had that were used by God?

**Of the experiences you listed above, which one or two are the most meaningful that you think God may be using to direct you to where He wants you to serve?**