

# Jurassic World Rebirth: Excavating Your Fossilized Gifts

Today, we are digging up and discovering those buried God-given Gifts inside each of us.

Because, if left buried, fossilized gifts buries our purpose and hardens our faith.

Let's rebirth your gifts and purpose TODAY.

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### 1. We ALL have God-given Gifts

Our job is to uncover the gifts God has given us.

Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to Him forever and ever! Amen. 1 Peter 4:11

Our gifts should be used to bring God the Glory

#### Natural Versus Spiritual Gifts.

<u>Natural Gifts</u> – Our natural abilities that God created us to use in and outside of church:

- Creativity and Artistic Ability (Exodus 31:1-6)
- Wisdom and Intellect (Proverbs 2:6)
- Strength and Physical Abilities
- Leadership and Administration (Exodus 18:21-25)
- Compassion and Relational Skills

<u>Spiritual Gifts</u> – Given by God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, for believers to serve and grow the church. (1 Corinthians 12:28, Romans 12:6-8, Ephesians 4:11)

## 2. Burying Our Gifts Fossilizes Our Faith

What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? James 2:14

Our <u>Faith</u> is impacted by what we <u>DO</u> with what God gives us.

So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. James 2:17

Just as the body is dead without breath, so also <u>faith is dead</u> <u>without good works</u>. James 2:26

Without action Faith is DEAD

It's time to rebirth faith and dig up those fossilized gifts and start using them.

### 3. Discover Your Gifts Through Serving

Serving with Others Helps You Discover Your Hidden Gifts

House of Praise WW Online Handout Pastor Carrie Zusy Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-13

#### **Every Gift is Essential for Building the Church**

Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. Romans 12:4-5

#### Serving Helps Builds Community and Shared Responsibility

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## The enemy wants to: distract, discourage, keep us busy, or offended so our faith and gifts become extinct.

For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. Galatians 5:13

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. Hebrews 10:24

## Fossilized Gifts Are Found After First Discovering Christ

For God's gifts and His call can never be withdrawn.

Romans 11:29

#### My Next Steps:

- □ Sign Up to Use Your Gifts to Serve the Church.
- □ Dig Up Buried Gifts and Serve God again.

#### **Tithes & Offerings**

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. Romans 12:8

Break off a stony heart by giving generously into God's House.



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