

SF703: Spiritual Formation Capstone  
Brennfleck's Live Your Calling  
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### Life Calling Mission Statement

My mission is to obey the call that God has on my life, and bring healing and hope to the brokenhearted, helping others to be delivered from life's trials, becoming the best version of themselves. My second calling as a mother, is to provide my children with a tangible example of who God is and what the love of God looks like, so that they may grow up in God and know who He is for themselves.

### Key Scripture Verse

*"I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels- a plentiful harvest of new lives."* John 12:24 (NIV)

When working through Brennfleck's book, as I mapped out my calling, the 3 roles that kept coming up was leader, counselor and teacher. I've grown to see this in my life as I've matriculated through school and worked in ministry. From a seminarian standpoint, I've gotten acquainted with words and terms that was foreign to me, like "disciple." In my church context, we're so concerned about salvation and bringing people to Christ, that we don't explain to new converts what this Christian walk is all about. So, in essence, we bring people into the life, without showing them how to live it.

One fall semester while I was learning about discipleship, I met a young lady at the end of the semester during our New Year's Eve service. The woman came to the alter to rededicate

her life to Christ and while doing that, she was delivered from an unclean spirit. I had to privilege of working with her through her deliverance. After the alter call when we went back to our seats, the Holy Spirit told me to get her number. I thought I heard wrong, but figured it would be better to move just in case I had heard correctly. I gave the woman my number and she became the first person I disciplined. For a couple of years, we had many conversations about God, salvation, and the realness about walking this life out.

She is not the only instance. There was another woman that went to my church who I grew to become friends with. Our children were friends and would often spend the night at her house. Every time I picked her up from their sleepover, we had a moment to talk and she would uncover a part of her life by telling me something personal. I always counted it an honor when people felt comfortable enough to share their personal lives with me. At some point through the years, it was evident that her sister was ill. The church watched her sister lose an incredible amount of weight and become more and more ill. Out of all the things she shared with me, she never shared any information about her sister (it was her sister's personal business and struggle, so I respected that). When the pandemic hit, Covid was no match for her sister due to her underlying conditions, and she passed away. I spent quite a few days talking to my friend about things she was dealing with at the church, but never about her sister. However, because of how she trusted me, my friend asked me to eulogize her sister's funeral. I was floored. I am nowhere near a Pastor yet, I was asked to take on such a daunting task.

I remember going through my divorce publicly at church. My ex-husband introduced me to the church I attend, and he was once a member along with his entire immediate family. So, when the news got out that we were getting a divorce, it rocked the church and left me feeling like I was open and naked before the world. My marriage and divorce lead me to write my first

book in 2012 and was published in 2016. After my book was published, I had women from all walks of life approach me about how I not only survived, but thrived and they could tell, because many people didn't know I was going through a divorce. They would just see me in church serving. They didn't know the source of my tears, my pain or my worship.

Not only did I have women in church approach me, but I had women who I went to college with inbox me to tell me what a source of inspiration I was to them because they were either headed to divorce or in the middle of one. I was floored at the women who were going through so much hurt and pain. Not only were there women but there were men as well. I learned to minister to both women and men regarding the pain that takes place when a relationship dies.

### Personality Type

Based on the personality test from Brennfleck's book, mine is ESFJ (extravert, sensing, feeling, judging). According to this personality type, ESFJ's dominate quality is the active and intense caring about people and a strong desire to bring harmony into their relationships. This personality trait also brings a warmth to all that they do and naturally move into action to help others (p.70).

This couldn't be further from the truth. As the director of the dance ministry at my church, I have been responsible for bringing harmony to two different age groups; ages 7-17 and 18 and up. It wasn't an easy feat when I first took on the task, but my love for harmony and synergy especially among people has given me the fuel I need to make it happen. Jesus requires that we love one another and spread that love to the world, and I purposed in my heart long ago to be the conduit to help foster that harmony amongst those I am responsible for in ministry.

## To the Future

As my time in seminary comes to an end and I embark on another journey in ministry, I believe I have been equipped to move into ministry in a deeper level. I am delving more into deliverance ministry, helping people get delivered from demonic strongholds, generational curses, and all things that are contrary to the will of God for all of our lives. I am also being used more in ministry within my personal ministry context. In addition to the auxiliary positions I hold (director of dance ministry and women's ministry team leader), I have done my fair share of preaching within my church. I discussed my experience with helping others (particularly women) after I published my first book. From 2016 (when my book was published) until today, I have been speaking on a small scale to women and small groups about my testimony and experience. As of late, bigger opportunities have materialized, where I will be speaking at different women's conferences, from Zoom to different states nationwide. Women are excited, encouraged and empowered to heal and live life unapologetically after they come across my ministry. To God be all of the glory!

On an even larger scale, I feel the Lord calling me into some type of pastoring. I felt it when I met a young woman who is a Pastor of a church that was planted in North Carolina by a Pastor in New York. When I met her, I immediately gravitated to her. There was something about her that made her approachable. I felt like although I had just met her, it seemed like I knew her for as long as I knew one of my childhood friends. Before I met her, I was exploring options on what city to move to after my daughter leaves for college in August. One of the cities that looked promising was Charlette, N.C. The woman's church is in Charlette, N.C.! I don't know what this all means yet, but I know God is calling me to a place higher where I am now. To what degree, I have no clue. Location? I have no idea. All I know for now is I sense the Holy

Spirit pulling on my spirit, so I am in prayer regarding where and when. I already know the how-  
it has to be all God!