

# But God, That's Not What I Had In Mind!

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[0:00] 24th of March. But God, that's not what I had in mind. Our passage today, Ezekiel 2 verse 1.

But God said to me, Ezekiel, Son of man, stand on your feet and I will speak with you. Do you know what you want to do with your life? Have you ever prayed about what you should do? Do you? Sometimes things turn out differently from what we have planned. I love the book of Ezekiel. Ezekiel lived back in Old Testament times and he knew what he wanted to do with his life. He grew up with one thing in his mind. He was going to be a priest in the service of God and his people. But one day God came to him and said, You can't be a priest. I want you to be a prophet. That was not what Ezekiel had in mind. It may well be that God is calling you to some kind of service for him. And it may be that it is not what you had in mind.

[1:10] But if God is calling you, stand on your feet and obey him. He will give you all the help you need to do what he wants you to do.

Some years ago, a well-known missionary was singing a hymn as he was on his way to his first mission station. He sang, King of my life, I crown you now. Yours shall the glory be.

But he was captured and put in solitary confinement in a communist prison. Not what he had in mind. But God made him a blessing to many people.

God knew Ezekiel really wanted to be a priest. And he often gave him messages to speak to the people in ways that a priest might have done.

God cares for all who serve him and understands their hearts. And a prayer. Dear God, help me to know what you want me to do.

[2:19] So I may serve you in the way you want me to do. Amen.