April 2016 - Encourage
Week 15 April 4/3-4/9

We need to encourage one another to have greater confidence in God and to be bolder in living out our faith. I want to encourage you this month to do several things.

"We all have gifts. They differ according to the grace God has given to each of us. Do you have the gift of prophecy? Then use it according to the faith you have. If your gift is serving, then serve. If it is teaching, then teach. Is it encouraging others? Then encourage them. Is it giving to others? Then give freely. Is it being a leader? Then work hard at it. Is it showing mercy? Then do it cheerfully." Romans 12:6-8

Our gifts differ in nature, power and effectiveness according to His wisdom and graciousness, not according to our faith. Our role is to be faithful and to find ways to serve others with what we have been given.

To use our gifts effectively, we must realize that:

- all gifts and abilities come from God
- understand that not everyone has the same gifts
- know who we are and what we do best
- dedicate our gifts to God's service and not to our personal success

Reflecting on what was said on the previous sheet, take time this week to journal, make notes and create based on what your God given abilities and gifts are. Take time to think about what you love to do and what comes naturally to you and take note of them. Once you have started to identify and discover them, pray about how you can use them to encourage others.
Say this to yourself:
"You know what I am good at?" and write it down:

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