Last month CPFI held our mid-year board meeting at the Global Missions Health Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. At this conference I always enjoy hearing the challenging and exciting messages from speakers who have wonderful stories of what God has done through them all over the world. I have noticed that many share a common phase in the early stage of these stories. It is often told comically as if they sat down and discussed their plans with God, advising Him on how He should put their talents and skills to good use. Everyone laughs at the idea that God would need our advice. However, this is not a new issue either.

When Moses explained to God that he should not be the one to ask Pharaoh for the Israelites’ freedom because he was not an eloquent speaker, God said, “Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.” Exodus 4:11-12 (NIV)

Jonah’s ministry to Nineveh did not play out the way he expected. He was so upset that he even asked God to kill him. God simply asked, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Jonah 4:4

When Jeremiah told God he was too young to be a prophet, God said, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you.” Jeremiah 1:7-8

Reading these stories makes me feel better about my own tales of stubbornness. One occurred this year when I finally gave in to help with the youth group at our local church. I have told God for years that I was not made to volunteer in youth ministry. When a kid recently told me that he wanted to know more about God, I realized that God knew exactly what He was doing.

I would have picked myself last for a youth ministry team, just as Moses would not have picked himself to confront Pharaoh. But when God uses the unlikely choice for a job, He is glorified when it all comes together. All we must do is trust God’s wisdom and be willing to follow His nudging to serve, even when it does not make sense to us. As demonstrated time and time again this is easier said than done, but by continually seeking His guidance through scripture and prayer He will patiently guide us.

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CPFI Prayer Breakfast at ASHP Mid-Year
CPFI hosted a prayer breakfast at the ASHP Mid-Year meeting in Anaheim, California earlier this month. Board member Mark Johnson coordinated the event and CPFI member Ashley DeVaughn shared a message titled ‘The Planted Tree’. This year the breakfast was
held a short distance from the convention center at the First Presbyterian Church of Garden Grove. The breakfast was catered by Panera Bread Company. Following the breakfast, attendees were invited to stay for a church service.

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