



## AN OINTED ALLIANCES II

*Exodus 31:2-3, 6 "See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts... Moreover, I have appointed Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, to help him. Also I have given skill to all the craftsmen to make everything I have commanded you."*

Last time we discussed the unique privilege and responsibility of being chosen by God. Through a brief examination of Bezalel, Moses, Jeremiah, and Mary, we realized that if the Lord has placed a significant calling on our lives, He's also anointed us with the skills, talents, and abilities we need to fulfill that mission- even if we don't completely realize it. God anticipates our success in advance, and therefore equips us with "anointed alliances" to undergird us during the process- namely an intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the driving force behind every creative endeavor in the Bible, dating all the way back to the creation of the world. In fact, it was not until God exhaled His 'ruach' breath into Adam that

human life officially began (Genesis 2:7). It is the same with us. When you received that amazing vision from the Lord, what happened? Your eyes widened, your heart leapt, and your body experienced a sudden intake of breath. Some call this the "AHA" moment. Essentially, God's spirit joined with your spirit and breathed into your lungs all the passion, drive, and ambition needed to fulfill His desires in the earth.

But He didn't stop there.

Our text shows us that after choosing Bezalel and anointing him for the substantial undertaking, guess what God gave him? HELP! God recognized that the task was too big for Bezalel to accomplish alone, and sent Oholiab and other craftsmen to believe in the mission and assist him on the journey. In times when Bezalel felt tired and disheartened, these anointed alliances helped and empowered him to go all the way. What's more, God stirred the hearts of the Israelites to **FUND** the vision-- giving Bezalel and the crew everything they needed to make the dream a reality. The Israelites brought so much that Moses eventually had to tell the people to stop giving!! (Exodus 36:2-7)

God knows what you need when you need it. You belong to Him, and He takes care of what's His. If the Lord has called you to do something, it's because He already knows that you can. He is faithful, and will bring about all the help, resources, knowledge, and "anointed alliances" you need to fulfill the calling. All He needs now is for you to trust and obey!\*

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