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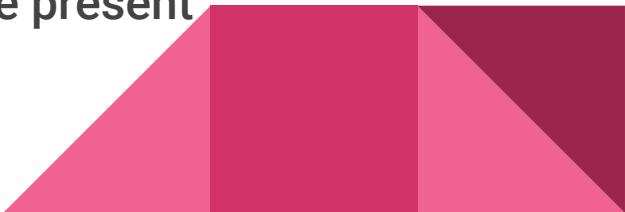
Being a Relevant Church: Discerning God's Call Who to *BE*

Bible Study for May 14, 2020
WORD For Life Church Ministries
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Lesson objective

To sharpen our senses for how we present ourselves when we encounter people to whom the Holy Spirit leads us.

As a result of this session, we will:


1. Acknowledge the Holy Spirit's role in personal development.
 2. Develop our awareness of the importance of *persona* in communication.
 3. Draft a statement of our understanding of who we present ourselves to be during moments of encounter.
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*God is at all times, and in every case, relevant. So too is God's word. The same must be true of God's people. To be relevant, **we must BE** who God formed this church to be where God planted us. Relevance positively impacts the lived experiences of community.*

– Rev. Larrin Robertson



What is *persona*?

- An element of rhetoric having to do with *ethos*.
 - Similar to character or personality.
 - Intrinsic to, or developed by, the speaker/author (i.e., the Rhetor).
 - Establishes how the Rhetor wishes to be perceived; also defined by how the Rhetor is actually perceived.
 - A means of establishing rapport between speaker and audience.
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The role of *persona* in communication

The effect of one's *persona* impacts how one communicates in various ways. Here are a few:

- Effect on the speaker
- Effect on the hearer and/or audience
- Effect on the message

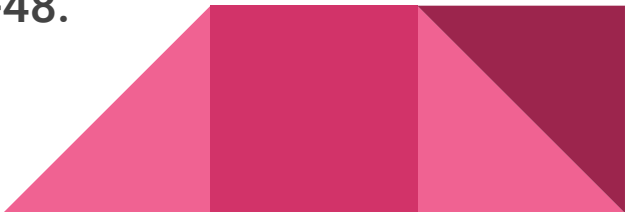


Questions?




The Holy Spirit and *persona*

Persons led by the Spirit have been and are being shaped, or developed, by the Spirit.

1. The Holy Spirit enables and empowers - Acts 1:8; 2:1-4.
 2. The Holy Spirit provides courage - Acts 6:5; 7:54-60.
 3. The Holy Spirit influences responses - Acts 10:44-48.
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The Holy Spirit and *persona* (cont'd.)

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4. The Holy Spirit selects and consecrates - Acts 12:25-13:3.
 5. The Holy Spirit guides the journey - Acts 16:6-10.
 6. The Holy Spirit warns and confirms - Acts 21:8-11, 27-30.
 7. Being “in the Spirit” directs one’s view - Revelation 1:9-20.
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My *persona*

Exercise: Understanding my *persona*



Questions?



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