

How to Know When God Calls You to a Higher Assignment

Brent Wale has spent the first 20 years of his ministry as a youth pastor, and he has reveled in it. There is nothing he enjoyed more than his passion of teaching young people how to live out the gospel and bring it to others.

But then, much to his surprise, he discovered God has something different in mind for him. God spoke to his heart and told him that one day he would become the senior pastor of a church. He's not sure when and where that will happen, but as the youth pastor of Resurrection Life Ministry in Picayune, Mississippi, Wale is preparing himself to take on a higher level of responsibility in the kingdom.

In the meantime, he hopes to help others who know God has called them into ministry but who have yet to find their footing. It's yet another assignment to which God has called Wale.

"I don't think this game is good for anybody but someone who is specifically called to it," Wale told Dr. Steve Greene on a recent episode of *Greenelines* on the Charisma Podcast Network. "When the Holy Spirit speaks into your life, He puts a gifting skill set in you, and that will be proven by the fruit of what you do.

"You will get past a moment in ministry where it's exhausting, where it is has challenged everything in you, and where there is no other motivation to do this except for the fact that God has called you to it," Wale said. "That's good. When you get past that, there are some really great places where you're not motivated for yourself. You're just simply trying to do it because it pleases the Father.

"Why I feel called is because I know for a fact that God has

spoken to me to do it," Wale said. I've seen in my life the fruit of that where I've been able to relinquish control, follow Him and pursue His way. He's blessed what I've done and blessed the church. I just feel honored to be able to pastor and to continue to grow."

For the rest of Brent Wale's incredible journey, listen to the entire podcast. {eo}