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I Can't Find a Compelling Passion for My Second Half Part 3

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Passion is the fuel that drives us, an essential ingredient to a second half of meaning and impact. In this eNewsletter we've been exploring what to do when you can't seem to find a passion. It's a common problem. Some of us may have turned our 'dreamer' off decades ago, and need to find the freedom to dream again. For others, our passion is hidden in plain view – we simply need those around us to help us see it. In my case I had been so focused on developing real estate that I arrived at Halftime with little exposure to the needs and opportunities out there.

There is one more common cause for not finding your passion ... it's when your deepest passion is actually around what you can bring to an issue or a cause rather than a specific cause itself.

I'm MORE passionate about what I BRING to a cause than any specific cause.

Case Study: Gloria was the President of a financial institution and had loved turning several major departments around on her assent up, but found herself in Halftime. Over dinner her friends and I listened as she lamented having no strong passion for a particular cause. I watched the joy and enthusiasm in her face when she talked about the departments she had turned around at the bank. By the time dessert arrived, it was clear that her real passion was taking under-performing organizations and turning them into best-of-class. Today her passion is bringing her 'turn-around expertise' to four or five organizations and causes she believes in ... even though she is not overly passionate about any one of those causes. We call this a horizontal portfolio – bringing something special across multiple organizations or causes.

Action: Consider building a 'horizontal portfolio' of serving roles that allow you to bring what you are best at to multiple causes.

If you see yourself in this case study, I encourage you to get an hour on the phone with [a Halftime coach](#) to leverage their expertise in helping you discover your passion.

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Proximity

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PROXIMITY

The power of the LOW COST PROBE

*prox·im·ity (präk sim?? t?) noun;
the state or quality of being near;
nearness in space, time, etc.*

Year Two of our Vacation with a Purpose (VWAP) wraps up this week in the [Dominican Republic](#). We've spent three weeks with incredible ministries serving the poor in sustainable ways & experiencing the work of:

Edify (<http://www.edify.org/>)

Cure International (<http://www.cure.org/>)

HOPE International (<http://www.hopeinternational.org/>)

Healing Waters International (<http://www.healingwaters.org/>)



Each of these ministries serve commendably. We have learned that life change does not occur in fly-by methods. It takes a long-term strategy that is highly relational, maintaining the dignity and integrity of the recipients of the services.

Last week I was reminded that a key to determining your [Ephesians 2:10](#) calling is PROXIMITY...the LOW COST PROBE. You have to be near those God may be calling you to serve, or to serve with in order to gain clarity on your calling. This will not happen in a vacuum. It may be awkward and uncomfortable; you will probably sweat, your flight may be delayed, you will see and smell things you hadn't planned on. In the midst of these experiences is life...life to the fullest. ([John 10:10](#)) You will experience that in the most severe poverty, there is unbelievable hope and joy...an incredible reminder.

Upon further reflection, I'm reminded of a few Halftime VWAP Year 1 Alumnus:

Ann & Chris Ordway (pictured)

Ann and Chris met [Peter Greer](#), [Ed Anderson](#) and [Jeff Spadafora](#). Peter befriended and encouraged them, Ed challenged them, Jeff coached them and the Ordway's are moving next month to [Rwanda](#), Africa with their 3 daughters to serve with Hope International. *PROXIMITY*.

Olga & Jay Faison

Last summer while in the Dominican Republic, Jay and his family met [Chris Crane](#) and were introduced to his work with Christian teachers, or as they say at Edify, "Edupreneurs." This summer they are co-hosting VWAP Week 3 - "Camp Latino", coming alongside a local teacher and providing a computer lab and a 3 day experience

for their friends from North Carolina, their kids and the students of a select school here in the D.R. *PROXIMITY*.

Kathy & Dean Derrah

They met [Ed Anderson](#) and were impressed with the need and importance of purified drinking water and more specifically, the work of Healing Waters International. At the encouragement of their kids, they invested in a water treatment system that is providing thousands of gallons of purified drinking water to the poorest of the poor in a [barrio](#) in Santo Domingo. Again, *PROXIMITY*.

As Lloyd shared in his feature article, are you having trouble determining what your passion is or where God may be calling you to serve? Then consider a low cost probe or place yourself in proximity to people who are making a difference in the lives of the poor. Better yet... get out of your comfort zone and meet the poor. It may be just what you need to gain the clarity you so desire.