



This Is Edith...

CASE STUDY 10

“Hello, Pastor. This is Edith.”

“Hello, Edith. How—”

“I’m pretty mad,” Edith interrupted her pastor. “That wife of yours ignored me again. I’m getting a little tired of that. Who does she think she is? And your boys were whispering in church. I think that is so dishonoring to God. They need to learn to respect the Lord. And your messages, you need to interject more stories. I haven’t been so bored in all my life. I mean, come on. How are we supposed to grow to be like Christ if you keep putting us to sleep? I counted six people dead asleep during your last message. I got video to prove it. And the passages you preach, can’t you come up with any new ones? It’s been the same old, same old for the last twenty years. And you could use a haircut and a new suit or at least a new tie. We’ve been looking at your same three ties for years. Well, that’s all I have to say. You enjoy the rest of your day. Bye now.”

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Sigh.

1. What might Edith think her spiritual gift is?
2. What strengths might Edith have that she could use to serve God?
3. How much effort have you put into learning and exercising your spiritual gifts? (See lists in Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4, and 1 Peter 4.)
4. What could you do to help your church with its mission from Christ?
5. How might you be able to specifically help your pastor?