

One Woman's Midlife Call

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1. What can you glean from this short summary of Diana Trautwein's call to ministry that would affirm that her call was led by the Spirit?
2. Trautwein entered seminary in her forties with the encouragement of her pastor and three friends. When have fellow Christians recognized spiritual gifts in you that led you on an unexpected path?
3. Part of Trautwein's hesitation was due to her age. When might age be an advantage in a midlife change of careers?
4. She describes her work in Montecito as "difficult, wonderful, challenging, rewarding, complicated, and very, very good." Which of her adjectives would you use to describe your own work? What adjectives would you add?
5. How does this narrative influence your perception of women in ministry?