Dear Katie:

The general impression that I had after reading your paper was that of all your papers this semester, this one is the best. It is funny, personal, interesting to read, and goes in-depth on the subject of work. I definitely got the impression that you knew what you were talking about and cared deeply about it.

Your paper is saying that your dad experienced a definite call to become a pastor, and that the spiritual aspects of work collided with your dad’s desire to find his calling. However, throughout your paper, you seem to incorporate elements of family/work conflicts from the *Time Bind*. For the next draft, I would focus on one of the two. Your dad’s experience of his call seems to be stronger at this point, though.

A couple of times throughout your paper I was a little confused about your references, such as in paragraph 2, sentence six; paragraph 6, sentence four; and in paragraph seven when you quote Ruth Spenter. For the next draft, help me understand who these sources are and what connection they have to your dad’s ministry.

What your paper is almost saying is that your dad thought he was lucky to be a pastor because he got to take an active role in raising his daughters. It almost seems as if you are saying that this element of his life is evidence of his calling by God to be a pastor. In the paragraph in which you say this, you end with a quote that just starts to go into this idea, but you just stop. Maybe you could go into that a little more.

For your next draft, you could focus on work as a calling, clarify who your quotes are from, and explain the little details of your dad’s life that I don’t know about. Good luck—Jolene.