

Made to Serve

Make a Difference - Part 2

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You're not here by accident—you're here on assignment.

Last week: God made you on purpose, for a purpose—and He doesn't waste your past, He weaves it into your purpose.

How do I actually make a difference?

What can I tangibly do?

How can God use me?

Your simple yes to serve could change someone's life—and your own.

Truths About Serving:

Truth #1 - Jesus Modeled Serving

"²⁴When the ten other disciples heard what James and John had asked, they were indignant. ²⁵But Jesus called them together and said, 'You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. ²⁶But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, ²⁷and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. ²⁸For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many.'" Matthew 20:24-28 (NLT)

"⁴So He got up from the table, took off His robe, wrapped a towel around His waist, ⁵and poured water into a basin. Then He began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel He had around Him. ... ¹²After washing their feet, He put on His robe again and sat down and asked, 'Do you understand what I was doing? ¹³You call me "Teacher" and "Lord," and you are right, because that's what I am. ¹⁴And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. ¹⁵I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.'" John 13:4-5, 12-15 (NLT)

Jesus didn't ask for titles—He asked for towels. Let's follow suit.

Truth #2 - Saved People Serve People

"¹When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that He was back home. ²Soon the house where He was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While He was preaching God's word to them, ³four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. ⁴They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. ⁵Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, 'My child, your sins are forgiven.' ... ¹⁰Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, ¹¹'Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!' ¹²And the man jumped up, grabbed his mat, and walked out through the

stunned onlookers. They were all amazed and praised God, exclaiming, 'We've never seen anything like this before!'" Mark 2:1-5, 10-12 (NLT)

Sometimes the most powerful thing you can do is carry the corner of someone's mat.

Truth #3 - Serving Transforms a Crowd Into Family

*"He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is **healthy** and **growing** and full of love."* Ephesians 4:16 (NLT)

Serving is one of the fastest ways to build friendships, grow spiritually, and become part of something bigger than yourself.

Quotes from current serve team members:

- *"Serving at The Bayou has made this community feel like my chosen family. I now have personal relationships with my teammates which make them truly brothers and sisters in Christ."*
- *"Serving felt like a leap out of our comfort zone and I still feel a little pressure on those Sunday mornings, but God provides a joyful experience every single time, without fail."*
- *"Serving has allowed me to build a community in my own church home. To make deeper connections with these people and connect myself to the church has been an amazing experience."*

You have no idea what blessings God has for you on the other side of your obedience.

18% of adults in our church serve.

Been coming for a month? We're here to serve YOU.

Been coming for a year? We'd love for you to jump in.

Been coming for multiple years? It's time to jump in.

Helpful Things to Know About Serving:

- **Flexible scheduling**—most serve twice a month
- **No experience needed**—we'll train you
- **Roles for everyone**—up front and behind the scenes
- **Try a role**—switch if needed
- **We'll help with kids**—they can stay multiple services

Call to Action:

- **Would you try out serving for 4 months?**
- **Visit the Serve Expo in the lobby**

Your simple yes to serve could change someone's life—including yours.

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