

NEXT LEVEL

COME AND SERVE

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Mark 4:42-45 "Jesus called the disciples 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. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many.'"

THREE TRUTHS ABOUT THE CALL TO COME AND SERVE

1. WHEN YOU SERVE, YOU BECOME LIKE JESUS.

Mark 4:45 "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many."

Luke 22: 27 "Who is more important, the one who sits at the table or the one who serves? The one who sits at the table, of course. But not here! For I am among you as one who serves."

Romans 8:29 "God knew His people in advance, and He chose them to become like His Son."

Your #1 calling is to be like Jesus.

Your #1 call is to serve.

Luke 1:68, 74 "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because He has come and has redeemed His people to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve Him without fear."

Galatians 5:13 "Serve one another in love."

Romans 12:11 "Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord."

Serving is not just an action. Serving is more than a task. Serving is a motive of your heart. It's the reason you do what you do.

Matthew 6:1-8 "Watch out! Don't do your good deeds publicly, to be admired by others, for you will lose the reward from your Father in heaven."

Philippians 1:15 "It's true that some are preaching out of jealousy and rivalry. But others preach about Christ with pure motives."

Acts 8:17-23 "When Simon saw that the Spirit was given when the apostles laid their hands on people, he offered them money to buy this power."

Are you in the ministry to serve, or do you want the ministry to SERVE YOU?

2. WHEN YOU SERVE, YOU BECOME SIGNIFICANT.

Mark 10:44 "Jesus said, 'Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else.'"

Acts 9:36-42 "In Joppa there was a disciple named Dorcas who was always doing good and helping the poor. About that time, she became sick and died. Peter arrived and he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, 'Dorcas, get up.' She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up."

If you died, would people plan your funeral or pray for your resurrection?

Simple acts of service done in great love lead to significance.

Matthew 25:21 "The master was full of praise. 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'"

In God's Kingdom, it's not the position you hold that matters, but how well you hold your position.

Matthew 10:40-42 "Anyone who receives you receives Me, and anyone who receives Me receives the Father who sent Me. If you receive a prophet as one who speaks for God, you will be given the same reward as a prophet. And if you receive righteous people because of their righteousness, you will be given a reward like theirs. And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of My followers, you will surely be rewarded."

3. WHEN YOU SERVE, YOU BECOME SUCCESSFUL.

John 12:26 "The Father will honor anyone who serves Me."

We need faith, and we need faithfulness.

The fruit in your future exists in the seeds of your faithfulness today.

Galatians 6:9, "Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Destiny is not a drive-through. You don't get to your harvest without growth. You don't get to your future without faithfulness. You don't get to success without serving.

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