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Together We Devotional: A 35-Day
Journey of Growth

*21 Core Values that will change your life: Timeless
principles to shape your character, strengthen your faith,
and transform your future*

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Day 1: TOGETHER WE PRAY – The Heart of a Praying Church

Luke 6:12 (NIV) *One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray and spent the night praying to God.*

In the hustle and bustle of life, it's easy to overlook the quiet power of prayer. Yet throughout history, prayer has always been the cornerstone of spiritual vitality. Jesus Himself modeled this—before choosing His disciples, *He spent the night in prayer to God* (Luke 6:12). Even the Son of God refused to make decisions without first aligning with His Father's will.

When His disciples asked how to pray, Jesus didn't give them a long list of rituals or complicated formulas. Instead, He gave them the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:5–15, a simple but powerful framework for intimacy, humility, forgiveness, and dependence on God.

Prayer, at its core, is not about eloquence or performance. It's about communion with God.

History reminds us of this as well. C.H. Spurgeon once revealed the “secret” of his ministry's fruitfulness—not his preaching, not his strategy, but his people gathered in prayer. He called that group of intercessors the powerhouse of the church. That hasn't changed. A church that prays is a church that thrives. Prayer isn't optional—it's the lifeline of a believer and the heartbeat of a church. Without it, we drift into programs, plans, and performance without God's presence. With it, we find strength, wisdom, and grace to do what only He can do through us.

Never underestimate the power of your prayers. When you pray, you move the heart of God and align yourself with His purposes. The health of our church isn't built on talent or events—it's built on people who will fall to their knees. Will you be one of them?

- Create a personal prayer list that you will pray through daily. Keep it specific—people, needs, breakthroughs.
- Journal what you pray and what God does in response. Looking back will strengthen your faith and remind you: God hears and answers prayer.

Day 2: TOGETHER WE PRAY – Praying Scripture Over Our Lives

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NIV) *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*”

In our journey of faith, prayer serves as a vital lifeline, connecting us to the heart of our Heavenly Father. But prayer isn’t just about presenting our requests—it’s about surrendering our lives to God’s will and aligning our hearts with His purposes.

The Bible is filled with promises and principles about prayer. 2 Chronicles 7:14 reminds us of the importance of humility, seeking God’s face, and turning from our sinful ways. It’s a call to surrender fully, trusting His mercy and grace to heal and restore. Matthew 6:33 exhorts us to seek first God’s kingdom and righteousness, teaching us that true abundance comes when we prioritize Him above all else.

So, what does it mean to pray Scripture over our lives daily? It means allowing God’s Word to shape our prayers—letting His promises guide our petitions. Instead of merely focusing on our desires, we anchor our prayers in His will, confident that His plans are for our good.

Praying Scripture is both an act of surrender and a declaration of trust. *Isaiah 55:9* reminds us that God’s ways are higher than ours, and *Hebrews 4:12* says His Word is living and active, transforming us as we pray it. When we weave Scripture into our prayers, we speak life, truth, and power over ourselves, our families, and our church.

Remember: a surrendered life recognizes the battle daily. Sin is crouching at your door (Gen. 4:7), so you'd better attack it first thing—in prayer and in God's Word.

Examples of Praying Scripture with Prayer Responses:

- Psalm 37:23 – *“The Lord directs the steps of the godly; He delights in every detail of their lives.”*
Pray: Lord, may I follow Your direction and conviction over my desires today.
- 1 Chronicles 4:10 – *“Jabez called out to the God of Israel...”*
Pray: Lord, bless me and expand my influence. May Your hand be with me, protecting me from pride and sin.
- Ephesians 6:10–20 – Pray the Armor of God over your family daily.
Pray: Lord, clothe me with Your armor today so I may stand firm against sin and walk in victory.
- John 6:63 – *“The Spirit gives life...”*
Pray: Lord, may I hear and obey the Spirit's voice today—get me out of the way.
- Revelation 3:7 – *“What He opens no one can shut...”*
Pray: Lord, I trust the doors You open and accept the ones You close. Help me walk in joy and trust.
- Philippians 2:13 – *“It is God who works in you...”*
Pray: Lord, remind me today that every blessing flows from You.
- Proverbs 3:5–6 – *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart...”*
Pray: Lord, I will trust You and submit to Your ways. Lead me in straight paths.
- 1 Samuel 1:10–11 – Hannah's Prayer.
Pray: Lord, I am Your servant. I adjust my life to Your will, not

asking You to adjust to mine.

- Exodus 33:15 – *“If Your Presence does not go with us...”*
Pray: Lord, I only want to go where You lead. Your presence matters more than any destination.
- Jeremiah 7:23 – *“Obey Me... and it will go well with you.”*
Pray: Lord, I will obey You today.

- Joshua 1:9 – *“Be strong and courageous...”*
Pray: Lord, let me face today with courage, knowing You are with me.
- Proverbs 4:25–27 – *“Let your eyes look straight ahead...”*
Pray: Lord, help me keep my eyes on You and walk away from evil.
- Acts 1:8 – *“You will be my witnesses...”*
Pray: Lord, make me bold to share Jesus with someone today.
- Matthew 19:6 – *“What God has joined together, let no one separate.”*
Pray: Lord, strengthen my marriage and protect the oneness You’ve created.
- Daniel 5:20 – *“...when his heart was puffed up with arrogance, he was brought down...”*
Pray: Lord, keep me humble today. Strip away any pride that resists Your plan.
- Psalm 90:17 – *“May the favor of the Lord rest on us...”*
Pray: Lord, establish the work of my hands and give favor to my labor.
- Romans 12:20 – *“If your enemy is hungry, feed him...”*
Pray: Lord, help me forgive freely and show kindness, even to those who’ve hurt me.

Praying Scripture isn’t just a habit—it’s a weapon. It strengthens faith,

silences lies and keeps us grounded in God's truth. If you don't have Scripture shaping your prayers, your words will easily drift toward self-centeredness. God's Word gives your prayers power and alignment.

- Take today's examples and begin writing your own prayer journey with Scripture. Don't just read verses—pray them back to God.
- Write some Scriptures and prayers on sticky notes and place them where you'll see them often: your mirror, desk, car, or Bible. Let God's Word always be in front of you.

Day 3: TOGETHER WE PRAY – Bold Prayers

Matthew 7:7 (NIV) *“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”*

Mark Batterson once wrote, *“Bold prayers honor God, and God honors bold prayers.”* That simple phrase captures the heartbeat of what it means to pray with faith. When we look through Scripture, we see God continually responding to people who dared to pray beyond the ordinary.

The Jewish legend of Honi in the book “The Circle Maker” paints a vivid picture of this. In a season of drought, when hope was drying up, Honi drew a circle in the sand, stood inside it, and declared that he would not leave until God sent rain. At first, a drizzle came. But Honi cried out, *“Not for such rain have I prayed, but for rain of Your favor, blessing, and graciousness.”* Soon, God poured out an abundance that filled the land. Whether or not the legend is fully accurate, the principle is true: bold prayers move the heart of God.

We see this again in the early church. In Acts 4:29, when the disciples faced threats for preaching the name of Jesus, their prayer was not for safety or escape. Instead, they cried out, *“Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.”* God shook the place, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit to continue proclaiming Christ. Their bold prayers unlocked bold faith, which led to bold action.

Jesus Himself invited us to pray this way. In Matthew 7:7, He calls us to *ask, seek, and knock* with persistence. These aren’t passive words—they’re active, ongoing invitations. Bold prayers require faith that God is able and

willing to act according to His will.

But here's the hard truth: too many of us have settled into small, safe, predictable prayers. We ask God for comfort instead of courage, convenience instead of conviction, to rescue us instead of sustaining and be with us. Yet God is not offended by big prayers—He's offended by anything less than our full faith. If your prayers don't stretch you, they may not honor Him.

Have your prayers grown small, routine, or safe? Together we pray bold prayers, trusting that the God who split the Red Sea, raised the dead, and shook the foundations of prisons is still moving today.

- Write down one bold, impossible prayer request. Circle it daily in prayer. Believe that God can do what only He can do, and don't stop until He answers.

Day 4: TOGETHER WE PRAY – Believing God Can

1 John 4:4 (NIV) *“The one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.”*

When the church was born in Acts, it didn’t begin with preaching, programs, or plans—it began in a prayer meeting. The disciples were gathered together, praying and waiting on God’s promise of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:14). Then, in Acts 2, the Spirit came, and the church exploded with power. The church was not born by human strength but by divine presence—and that presence was invited through prayer.

Prayer is not wishful thinking. It is confident faith that God can. Yet too often, we stop praying because deep down, we’ve stopped believing. Somewhere along the way, we lose our desperation for God to move. We settle for what we can control, what we can see, and what feels safe. But Scripture calls us back to bold belief: *“Greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.”*

That means God is greater than your sin, greater than your past, greater than your fears, greater than your weakness, and greater than the enemy himself. Nothing you face today outmatches the God who lives within you.

Think about how the early church lived this truth. When Peter was imprisoned, the church didn’t give up—they prayed earnestly to God for him (Acts 12:5). When Paul and Silas were beaten and chained, they prayed and sang hymns at midnight—and God shook the prison doors open (Acts

16:25). They prayed believing that God could, and God did.

But here's the key: believing prayer doesn't mean God always answers the

way we expect. Believing prayer says, "*I trust God is able, and I trust His will is best.*" It's faith that keeps knocking even when the door hasn't opened yet. It's faith that keeps circling prayers, knowing God's timing is perfect.

Do you pray believing God is greater, or do you pray doubting whether He will act?

Don't give up. Don't give in. Pray believing—because Greater is He.

- Each time you pray today, declare out loud: "*Greater is He!*"
- Make a list of three areas in your life where you need to believe God can break through. Pray specifically over each one, trusting that God is greater than the obstacle in front of you.

Day 5: TOGETHER WE PRAY – For God’s Will, Not Ours

Matthew 6:10 (NIV) “*Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*”

At the very center of the Lord’s Prayer is a call to surrender: “*Your kingdom come, your will be done.*” Prayer is not about convincing God to align with our agenda; it’s about us aligning with His.

Think about it—when the disciples asked Jesus to teach them one thing, they didn’t ask for strategies, leadership skills, or preaching tips. They asked Him to teach them how to pray. And when Jesus taught them, He gave them this framework: begin with God’s holiness, then surrender your will to His.

Even Jesus modeled this in the Garden of Gethsemane. Facing the cross, He prayed with raw honesty: “*Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done*” (Luke 22:42). In His humanity, Jesus expressed His desire, but in His surrender, He trusted the Father’s plan. That is the essence of faith—trusting God’s will even when it collides with ours.

Our prayers often drift toward “my kingdom come.” We ask God to fix things our way, on our timeline, for our comfort. But real prayer is about “Thy kingdom come.” It is a declaration that God’s agenda is better than ours, His timing is perfect, and His plan is trustworthy.

This changes how we live. Instead of fighting for control, we rest in God’s sovereignty. Instead of praying for an easier life, we pray for a faithful life. Instead of demanding answers, we yield to His presence. As Isaiah 31:1 warns, ‘Woe to those who look to human strength for help but fail to seek

the Lord.’ True power and peace are found only in surrendering to Him.

Do your prayers sound more like “*my kingdom come*” or “*Thy kingdom come*”?

Together we pray for God’s will—not our own agendas.

- Write down one prayer request where you’ve been asking God to do it your way.
- Today, release it to Him and pray: “*Lord, let Your will be done in this situation.*”
- As you pray, pause and verbally surrender that desire, trusting His way is higher than yours.

Day 6: TOGETHER WE TELL PEOPLE!

John 1:42 *“Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus.”*

The very first thing Andrew did after meeting Jesus was to find his brother Simon and bring him to the Lord. That one act of obedience changed history, because Simon became Peter—the rock on which Christ would build His church. Andrew didn’t write a gospel. He wasn’t known for preaching to multitudes like Peter. But Andrew did something every believer can do: he told someone about Jesus.

This is the heartbeat of evangelism. **Saved people tell people.** Our faith is not meant to be hidden or kept private—it’s meant to be shared. Jesus said, “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden” (Matthew 5:14). If you’ve been rescued from sin and death by the grace of God, then the most natural response is to point others to the Savior who set you free.

Too often, we complicate evangelism, thinking it requires special training or the perfect words. But Andrew’s example shows us that evangelism is simply introducing someone to Jesus. It could be inviting a neighbor to church, telling your coworker how Christ changed your life, or even sending a verse and prayer to a friend who needs encouragement. You don’t have to save anyone—that’s God’s work. But you can tell everyone what He has done in you.

This is why we say, **“Together We Tell People.”** Evangelism is not just for pastors or missionaries; it is the mission of the church. Every believer has the responsibility and privilege to share the gospel. When we keep quiet, the enemy wins ground. When we open our mouths, eternity is changed.

DAY 6: TOGETHER WE TELL PEOPLE!

And here's the good news: you are not alone in this. The Holy Spirit empowers you with boldness and wisdom. Jesus promised in Acts 1:8, "*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses.*" Witnesses don't argue—they testify. They simply tell what they've seen and experienced.

Let's live as people who refuse to be silent. Let's commit that this week, we will be like Andrew—bringing others to Jesus. Why? Because saved people tell people. And as we do, we will watch the power of God transform lives in ways we could never imagine.

Today, identify one person in your circle who needs Jesus. Pray for them by name and take one step toward introducing them to Christ—whether by sharing your testimony, sending a personal invitation, or starting a conversation. As you do, *let faith lead* your courage and your words. Remember: **Saved people tell people!**

Day 7: TOGETHER WE TELL PEOPLE

– Silence Is Not an Option

Romans 10:14 [NIV] *“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?”*

Paul’s question is as relevant today as it was in the first century: *How will people believe if no one tells them?* The truth is simple—people cannot believe unless they hear, and they cannot hear unless we speak. **Silence is not an option for the saved.**

You don’t want to get to heaven one day and say, *“I wish I would have told them.”* Every person in your life is there for a reason. God has given you influence, opportunity, and resources to point people to Jesus. Evangelism isn’t only preaching a sermon—it’s everyday faith in action.

Sometimes it’s as simple as handing out a church invite card. You can slide it across the table to a coworker or hand it to a friend at the gym. You can ask your waiter or waitress, *“Can I pray for you?”* and then leave them a card that points them to a place where they’ll hear about Jesus. You can plant seeds of the gospel by placing a yard sign in your front lawn—silently but powerfully inviting your neighbors to come and see what God is doing.

The enemy wants you to believe that small steps like these don’t matter. But they do. Every invite is an opportunity for someone to encounter the Savior. Andrew brought Simon. The Samaritan woman told her town. Paul preached to strangers. And you—right where you live—can influence

eternity by refusing to stay silent.

This is why we boldly say: **“Together We Tell People.”** Because **saved people tell people.** When you let your faith lead, even the smallest acts of obedience become eternal investments. Don’t let fear or hesitation rob you of the chance to bring someone closer to Christ.

One day, “every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord” (Philippians 2:10–11). The question is: who will be there because you chose to speak, invite, and influence for the Kingdom?

Today, carry invite cards with you wherever you go. Look for one opportunity—a neighbor, coworker, waiter, or friend—to hand one out and extend an invitation. Pray for boldness, then let faith lead your steps and your words.

Remember: **Together We Tell People, and silence is not an option for the saved!**

Day 8: TOGETHER WE TELL PEOPLE

Be a Kingdom Influencer

Matthew 5:14 (NIV) *“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.”*

Jesus didn’t say *you might* be the light of the world if you try hard enough. He declared, *“You are the light of the world.”* The moment you were saved, your life became a testimony. Where you go, how you live, and what you say all shine the reality of Christ.

When you choose to live for Jesus, you are becoming a **Kingdom Influencer**—someone whose faith impacts others, not just inside the church, but wherever your feet take you. Your workplace, your school, your neighborhood, and even your home are mission fields where God has placed you to influence others for His Kingdom.

The world is constantly trying to influence us—through culture, media, and peer pressure. But Jesus calls us to flip that around. We are not meant to simply absorb what the world says; we are called to influence the world for Him. This is why we boldly say: **“Together We Tell People.”** Because **saved people tell people**, and when they do, they shift the atmosphere around them.

Think about it: Andrew influenced Peter. The Samaritan woman influenced her whole town after meeting Jesus at the well (John 4:39). Paul influenced countless churches across the Roman Empire. Influence doesn’t come from power, wealth, or popularity—it comes from a faithful

witness to the truth of the gospel.

When you let your faith lead your actions, conversations, and relationships, you are planting seeds of eternity in the lives of others. It may be as simple as praying with a coworker, encouraging a student at school, or inviting a friend to church. You may never know the full extent of your influence until eternity, but every act of obedience moves the Kingdom forward.

Don't underestimate the power of your influence. When you live for Jesus openly, unashamedly, and joyfully, you become a beacon of hope to a world walking in darkness. You are a Kingdom Influencer—not because of who you are, but because of who Christ is in you.

Ask yourself today: *How can I be a Kingdom Influencer where my feet take me, by letting my faith lead me?* Whether at work, at school, or at home, choose one intentional action that points others to Christ. Let faith lead your words, your choices, and your example—because **Together We Tell People**, and saved people tell people!

Day 9: TOGETHER WE TELL PEOPLE

– Living with Urgency

Acts 1:8 [NIV] *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

The very last words of Jesus matter. Standing on the Mount of Olives—the same mountain where He wept, where He was arrested, and where He will one day return—Jesus gave His disciples their mission: *“You will be my witnesses.”* He didn’t say you might be, or you should consider being. He said you will be.

Acts 1:8 is more than a verse—it’s a commissioning. It’s Jesus passing the torch of His ministry to the Church. The risen Savior was calling His followers to live with urgency, because eternity was at stake. **Saved people tell people.**

Think about it: we live with urgency for the things we care about. The question is—do we carry that same urgency for the gospel? Paul did. The apostle traveled over 10,000 miles, endured beatings, shipwrecks, and prison, yet never slowed down. From the moment he was saved, he lived with urgency to tell others that Jesus changes everything.

And here’s the truth—Jesus’ final words in Acts 1:8 call us to the same urgency. *“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you.”* The Greek word for power is *dynamis*—explosive, miraculous power. We are not sent out in our own strength but empowered by the Spirit to be witnesses everywhere our feet go.

Jerusalem means right where you live—your home, workplace, school, and community. Judea means the region around you—your city, your state. Samaria means the people outside your comfort zone—those who don't look like you, talk like you, or believe like you. The ends of the earth means there are no borders to the gospel—God calls us to the nations.

So how do we live this urgency daily? By remembering that every moment matters. Eternity is at stake in the lives around us. People are not promised tomorrow—and neither are we. The gospel must be more than something we occasionally talk about; it must become the fire in our bones that Jeremiah described in Jeremiah 20:9.

Paul lived with that fire. He never let persecution, prison, or pain silence his voice because he knew souls were on the line. That same Spirit-empowered urgency is meant for us. When the Holy Spirit came in Acts 2, the disciples did not hesitate—they preached boldly, and thousands were saved in a single day. That is what happens when urgency meets obedience.

The enemy wants us to delay, to stay comfortable, to think “someday I'll share.” But Acts 1:8 reminds us there is no *someday*—Jesus has already commissioned us for *today*. If we live each day as though it could be our last opportunity to tell someone about Christ, our priorities change, our boldness grows, and our witness becomes unstoppable.

One day, you don't want to stand before Jesus and say, “*I wish I would have told them.*” Today is your chance to live with urgency—to let faith lead you into boldness.

Look for one opportunity today to be bold in your witness—pray for someone, share a verse, or extend an invitation to hear about Jesus. Ask God for Spirit-filled urgency like Paul, then let faith lead your actions and words.

Remember: Together We Tell People, because saved people tell people.

Day 10: TOGETHER WE TELL PEOPLE – Live Unashamed

2 Timothy 1:8 [NIV] “*So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord.*”

Every day you wake up, you have a decision to make: *Will I live unashamed of the gospel today?* The world will tempt you to hide your faith, to keep your beliefs private, to stay silent about Jesus. But Scripture calls us to the opposite. Paul told Timothy, “*So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord.*”

To live unashamed means more than just avoiding embarrassment—it means declaring with your life that Jesus is Lord. It means choosing obedience even when it’s unpopular. It means letting your words, your actions, and your character be evidence that Christ lives in you.

Paul knew what it cost to live unashamed. He was mocked, imprisoned, beaten, and eventually martyred. Yet he refused to be silent. He boldly wrote, “*I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes*” (Romans 1:16). That same gospel has been entrusted to us. We cannot shrink back.

Living unashamed doesn’t always look like preaching to crowds. It looks like faithfully carrying your cross daily. It looks like standing firm in truth when culture wavers. It looks like speaking the name of Jesus, even when others roll their eyes. It looks like refusing to hide what God has done in your life.

DAY 10: TOGETHER WE TELL PEOPLE – LIVE UNASHAMED

Think about it: if Jesus was not ashamed to go to the cross for you, how can you be ashamed to speak His name before others? When we let fear, pride, or shame silence us, we miss the very purpose we were created for—to glorify God and make Him known.

This is why we say, **“Together We Tell People.”** Because **saved people tell people.** Living unashamed is not an option—it’s the calling of every believer who has been rescued by grace.

So today, declare it: I will not be ashamed of the gospel. I will follow Jesus with my life. I will let my life be the evidence that Christ lives in me.

Pray this prayer as you begin your day: *“Lord, today I will not be ashamed of You. Give me boldness to live unashamed, courage to speak Your name, and faith to shine Your light.”* Then step out with confidence. Let faith lead your life, your words, and your witness—because **Together We Tell People, and saved people tell people.**

Day 11: TOGETHER WE GIVE – Treasure and Heart

Matthew 6:21 *“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*

Jesus was never vague when He talked about money. He knew the pull it has on our lives and in our hearts, and He often tied our relationship with money to our relationship with God. In Matthew 6:21, He said plainly, *“for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”* In other words, your bank statement tells the story of your heart. You don’t have to wonder what you truly value—just look at where your money goes, and you’ll see what you love most.

This is why giving is such a central part of discipleship. Changed people are generous people. When you’ve been transformed by the gospel, you don’t see your money as yours anymore—you see it as God’s – you’re simply a steward of what He’s given to you. Every paycheck becomes a reminder that He is your provider. God gave you that job, that opportunity, and that ability. Of course, Scripture teaches the importance of providing for your family (1 Timothy 5:8) and being wise about saving and planning (Proverbs 21:20). Those are good and godly things, but they are not the ultimate purpose of your income. God has blessed you so that you can be a blessing. He gave you that job not simply to fill your retirement account -but to expand His Kingdom through faithful giving to the local church.

That’s where the tithe comes in. The Bible consistently teaches that the tithe—10% of our income—is the starting place for generosity. It’s not about legalism; it’s about lordship. Tithing puts God first, declaring with every

paycheck: *Lord, everything I have comes from You, and I trust You with it.*

Malachi 3:10 is a powerful promise: “*Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse... and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven.*” The tithe is God’s training ground for our hearts. It teaches us to depend on Him, it breaks greed, and it shifts our hearts toward eternal treasure rather than temporary gain.

Imagine if every believer embraced this. The impact on the Kingdom would be immeasurable. Churches would be fully resourced to reach more people with the gospel, send more missionaries, plant more churches, and meet more needs in the community. But even more than that, our own hearts would be freed from the grip of materialism. Oh that together we would live as kingdom influencers with the resources God has entrusted to us.

Take an honest look at your finances this week. Does your giving reflect a heart fully surrendered to God, or does it reveal that you’re holding back? If you’ve never tithed before, this is the time to start. It’s not about what God wants FROM you; it’s about what He wants FOR you—a heart aligned with His Kingdom.

Write down your next paycheck amount. Calculate 10%. Pray over that number and commit it to God as your tithe. Give faithfully through your church and trust that God will use it to change lives—and that He will use it to change you.

Day 12: TOGETHER WE GIVE – Faithful Giving

Luke 6:38 (NLT)– *“Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.”*

Jesus paints a vivid picture in Luke 6:38: when you give, God pours back into your life with abundance—so much that it overflows. But notice, this isn’t about selfish gain. Faithful giving is never about what you can get out of it. It’s about obedience to God and trusting in His promises.

Faithful giving is all about obedience. God calls us to bring the tithe—the first 10% of our income—to Him. This is not a suggestion or a nice idea; it’s a step of obedience that every follower of Jesus is invited to take. Faithful giving is also about faith. Every time you write that check or click “give online,” you are declaring, “God, I trust You more than I trust my bank account.”

Faithful giving is putting your *YES* on the table. It means that before God even asks, you’ve already decided to obey. It’s saying, “Lord, all that I have is Yours. Whatever you ask, my answer is yes.” That’s why the tithe is just the starting point. Faithful giving often goes beyond 10%. It looks like offerings—gifts above and beyond the tithe—seed planting. Maybe gifts that supports missionaries, plant churches, serve the poor, and fund gospel-centered work around the world. Every offering becomes a seed

planted in soil that produces eternal fruit.

But don't miss this: faithful giving is not about giving to get. That's selfish giving. It's not about manipulating God into blessing you. It's about worship. It's about aligning your heart with His Kingdom. When we give faithfully, we release control, we reject greed, and we invite God to use what He's entrusted to us for His glory. And here's the paradox: while we don't give to get, we cannot outgive God. He blesses us with joy, with peace, and with the satisfaction of knowing that our resources are fueling eternal impact.

Faithful giving is a step of spiritual maturity. It may feel overwhelming at first, but don't let fear hold you back. Start with obedience. Start with faith. Start with your *yes*. Over time, giving will become one of your greatest joys. You'll see God use your resources to change lives, and you'll experience Him changing your own life in the process.

Where are you on the journey of giving? Are you tipping God with leftovers, or are you tithing faithfully? Are you sowing offerings into gospel-focused ministries, or holding tightly to what God asked you to release? Challenge yourself today to move toward faithful giving. Don't let it overwhelm you—let it grow you.

This week, make a plan. Write out your income, calculate your tithe (10%), and set it aside for the Lord first. Then pray about an offering you can give above and beyond. Trust God, take the step, and watch Him grow your faith as you live generously.

Day 13: TOGETHER WE GIVE – Radical Generosity

2 Corinthians 9:6–8 (NIV) *“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”*

The Corinthian church was marked by radical generosity. In the middle of hardship, Paul called them to rise up and meet the needs of others. They gave not reluctantly, not under pressure, but willingly, joyfully, and abundantly. Their generosity overflowed into thanksgiving and glory to God.

This is the call on us today: *To live with the radical generosity of the Corinthian church.*

Radical generosity begins with sowing. Whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly, but whoever sows generously will reap generously. Generosity is an act of faith—it is placing seed into the ground, trusting God with the harvest. When you give, you are declaring, “Lord, I trust You more than I trust myself.”

Radical generosity is about the heart. Paul said we are to give “not reluctantly or under compulsion.” We don’t give because we are pressured, guilty, or manipulated. We give because we have been transformed by the gospel. We give because God has given to us first. We

give because generosity is worship.

Radical generosity is cheerful. God loves a cheerful giver, because cheerful giving reflects His own nature. He delights to bless, He delights to provide, He delights to pour out grace. When we give with joy, we are reflecting the character of our generous God.

Radical generosity is impactful. Paul told the Corinthians their giving would supply the needs of God’s people, lead to thanksgiving, and cause others to glorify God. Generosity always results in eternal impact. It is not about equal giving, but equal sacrifice. When God’s people live generously, the gospel advances, needs are met, and God is praised.

Radical generosity is rooted in the gospel. Paul ends by pointing to God’s ultimate gift: “*Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!*” (2 Cor. 9:15). Our generosity flows from His. We give because He gave Jesus—His Son, His best, His everything.

Generosity is not about what you have, but about what you do with what you’ve been given. Are you sowing sparingly or generously? Are you giving reluctantly or cheerfully? Are you holding back, or are you trusting God with everything? The measure of your generosity reveals the measure of your trust in God.

This week, commit to live with radical generosity. Calculate your tithe (10%) and give it faithfully. Then pray about an offering above and beyond. Don’t give out of guilt—give out of gratitude. Decide in your heart, cheerfully release it to God, and trust Him to produce an eternal harvest through your obedience.

Day 14: TOGETHER WE GIVE – Test God’s Promise

Malachi 3:10 (NIV) – *“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”*

There is only one place in Scripture where God invites us to test Him: and that is in the tithe. In Malachi 3:10, the Lord commands His people to “bring the whole tithe into the storehouse.” Not part of it. Not leftovers. The *whole tithe*. Why? So that His house—the place of worship, the local church—will be resourced to carry out His mission and purpose.

God attaches a bold promise to this command: “Test me in this... and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven.” God literally says, *Try me. Put Me first. Obey Me in the tithe, and watch what I will do.* That’s not prosperity gospel. That’s not “give so you can get.” This is God saying, “Trust Me, and I will prove to you that you can never outgive Me.”

Faithful giving begins with bringing 10% of all you earn back to God through the local church. This is the training ground of trust. When you tithe, you’re declaring that God comes first in your life. It is a practical, tangible way of saying, “Lord, I believe You are my provider, not my paycheck.”

Notice that God doesn’t promise a bigger house, a fatter savings account, or an abundance in your 401k. He promises blessing. And His blessings come in many forms: peace in your heart, joy in your spirit,

provision for your needs, and eternal fruit from your generosity. The floodgates of heaven are not measured in dollars but in Kingdom impact. When you tithe, you are helping put food on the table for the hungry, sending missionaries to the nations, resourcing discipleship in your church, and advancing the gospel in ways you may never fully see this side of eternity.

God doesn’t ask us to tithe because He needs our money. He owns it all already. He calls us to tithe because He wants our hearts. And our hearts will always follow where we put our treasure (Matthew 6:21).

If you’ve never tithed, this is the challenge God Himself issues to you: Test Me in this. Take the step of obedience and trust Him with your first 10%. Don’t give what’s left after bills. Don’t wait for a “better season.” Put God first today and watch Him provide in ways that stretch far beyond your pocketbook.

This week, bring the whole tithe into the storehouse. Write it down, set it aside, and give it faithfully to the Lord through your local church. As you do, pray Malachi 3:10 over your gift: “Lord, I trust Your promise. Open the floodgates of heaven and use this for Your glory.”

Day 15: TOGETHER WE GIVE – The First Belongs to the Lord

Exodus 13:2 (NIV) *“Consecrate to me every firstborn male. The first offspring of every womb among the Israelites belongs to me, whether human or animal.”*

Before Israel even crossed the Red Sea, God taught His people a foundational truth: the first belongs to Him. In Exodus 13, He commanded the Israelites to consecrate every firstborn, both human and animal, to the Lord. He didn’t ask them to give *after* they had more. He asked them to give the first—before they knew what was coming next.

Why? Because giving God the first is about trust. Anyone can give God what’s left over, but it takes great faith to bring Him the first portion. God was showing His people that obedience comes before abundance.

The principle of “first” runs all throughout Scripture:

- The firstborn was redeemed by the sacrifice of a lamb (Ex. 13:13), pointing us to Christ—the perfect Lamb—who redeemed us while we were still unclean.
- Abel’s offering of the *firstborn* of his flock was accepted, while Cain’s offering of “some of the fruits” was not (Gen. 4:3–5). Abel gave first; Cain gave when he felt like it.
- Proverbs 3:9–10 says, *“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.”*

The “first” matters because it redeems the rest. When you give God the first

portion of your income—the tithe—you’re declaring that everything you have belongs to Him. You’re saying, “Lord, before I pay bills, before I save, before I spend, I trust You.”

This is why tithing is not legalism—it is obedience. It is not about God needing your money—He doesn’t. He owns it all. It’s about your heart. Tithing off the top is discipleship. It’s worship. It’s faith in action.

And here’s the truth: if you wait until you “can afford it,” you never will. But when you put God first, you’ll see His provision in ways you never imagined. That’s why He says in Malachi 3:10, “*Test me in this.*” He invites you to put Him first and watch Him open the floodgates of heaven.

Ask yourself: Am I giving God my first or my leftovers? Do I trust Him enough to bring the first 10% back to Him before I do anything else? The first is always a test of faith. Don’t miss the blessing of obedience by waiting until it feels convenient.

Set up your giving so that the tithe is the first thing that leaves your hand when income comes in. Whether it’s through your church’s online giving or writing the first check, make it intentional.

Pray as you give: “*Lord, I honor You with the first, because without You I would have nothing. Everything I have is Yours.*”

Day 16: TOGETHER WE LIVE CHANGED – The Fruit is the Evidence

Galatians 5:22–23 *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”*

Changed people live changed. When Jesus steps into your life, the evidence of His Spirit cannot stay hidden. Paul calls it fruit. It is not a list of character traits you try harder to produce. It is the supernatural outcome of being surrendered to the Holy Spirit. A tree doesn't strain to bear fruit; it naturally produces what its roots are connected to. The same is true of us. If we are rooted in Christ, fruit grows that makes Him visible to the world.

The lie is also true. Paul warns earlier in Galatians 5 about the “acts of the flesh”—anger, selfishness, impurity, envy, and division. That's the old life. That's what the world looks like without Jesus. But when Christ changes you, people should be able to notice the difference.

Love: When the world is filled with hate, you respond with sacrificial love.

Joy: When life falls apart, you choose joy not based on circumstances but on Christ.

Peace: When storms rage, you walk with a calm that doesn't make

sense apart from God.

Patience: When frustration rises, you don't explode but endure.

Kindness: When others are harsh, you respond with grace.

Goodness: When temptation calls, you choose integrity.

Faithfulness: When culture shifts, you stay steady on God's truth.

Gentleness: When pride tells you to fight, you respond with humility.

Self-control: When desires roar, you submit to the Spirit.

This is what it looks like to live changed. This is how Jesus becomes famous—through His Spirit shining in His people. The world doesn't just need Christians who say they are changed; it needs Christians who live changed. When we walk in the Spirit, people can't help but see the difference.

Don't just wear the name of Christian—bear the fruit of Christ.

Ask yourself: If my co-workers, neighbors, or classmates examined my life, would they see the Spirit or the flesh? Changed people don't just attend church; they carry the presence of Jesus everywhere they go.

Pick one fruit of the Spirit today and pray: "Lord, grow this in me. Let my life be evidence of Your Spirit." Then walk into your day looking for opportunities to show it. Be intentional. If it's love, show love to someone hard to love. If it's patience, breathe deep when frustration comes. If it's kindness, speak encouragement instead of criticism.

Together we live changed. And when changed people live changed, the world sees Jesus. Go be the evidence of Christ today.

Day 17: TOGETHER WE LIVE CHANGED – Go Live Out Your Faith Today!

Ephesians 5:1–2 “Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.”

Ephesians 5:15–17 “So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don’t act thoughtlessly but understand what the Lord wants you to do.”

Together we live changed means our faith is not hidden; it is lived out in the open. Paul reminds us to imitate God because we are His children. When people look at your life, do they see your Father’s likeness? Do they see His love, His patience, His truth?

Living changed means living carefully. We don’t drift through life without purpose. Paul says, “Be careful how you live.” The days are dark, opportunities are short, and the world is desperate for light. A changed life isn’t casual—it is intentional. You don’t just represent yourself; you represent Christ.

Imitating God is about walking in the example of Jesus. He lived sacrificially, laying down His life for us. To live changed is to love when it’s inconvenient, to forgive when it’s undeserved, to serve when no one notices. This is the aroma that pleases God. It’s not perfection but

obedience that makes the difference.

Paul adds, “Make the most of every opportunity.” That is what Kingdom Influencers do. They see every conversation, every hallway, every text, every interaction as an opportunity to influence someone toward Jesus. When changed people live changed, Jesus becomes famous—not because of a stage or spotlight, but because of everyday faith lived with courage.

Don’t waste today. Don’t drift through thoughtlessly.

Ask yourself: Who will see Jesus through me today?

Changed people live on mission, as Kingdom Influencers, letting their faith lead in every moment. Before you step into your day, pray: “Lord, let my faith lead today. Help me live changed, imitate You, and influence someone for Your Kingdom.” Then watch for the moment God places in front of you—and step boldly into it.

Together we live changed. Let your faith lead today and be the evidence of Christ in a world that desperately needs Him.

Day 18: TOGETHER WE LIVE CHANGED – For Such a Time as This

Esther 4:14 (NIV) *“For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father’s family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?”*

Changed people live changed—and nowhere is that clearer than in the story of Esther. She was an orphan, raised by her cousin Mordecai, living in a foreign land under a pagan king. By the hand of God, she was chosen as queen, placed in a position of influence she never asked for. And then came her moment: a decree went out to completely wipe out her people, and Mordecai reminded her, *“Who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?”*

The choice before Esther was life or death. If she remained silent, she and her family would perish. If she spoke up, she risked her life. Her response? *“If I perish, I perish”* (Esther 4:16). That is the heart of a changed person. No longer ruled by fear, no longer silenced by culture, but willing to live boldly for God’s glory.

We need that same faith today. Too many Christians live as one-hit wonders—fired up for a moment, then fading away. God isn’t looking for short spurts of passion; He is looking for long-term faithfulness. The disciples didn’t live for a moment; they gave their whole lives. Peter was crucified upside down. Paul beheaded. Andrew martyred in Greece.

Philip, Matthew, Bartholomew, and so many others gave everything for the gospel. They lived changed, and their influence shook the world.

Esther was a Kingdom Influencer. Jeremiah was a Kingdom Influencer. The disciples were Kingdom Influencers. And you can be too. God has positioned you—in your workplace, your school, your home—for *such a time as this*. Don't see your daily routine as something you *have* to do; see it as something you *get* to do for the gospel.

A changed life lives the gospel daily. A changed life speaks the gospel simply. A changed life is all in—no halfway discipleship, no half-hearted devotion, no ashamed faith. Paul declared, *“I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes”* (Romans 1:16). That same gospel that moved Paul to risk his life should move us to live boldly.

Refuse to be silent. Speak truth with courage.

Don't shrink back—Hebrews 10:39 says we belong to those who believe and are saved.

Decide today: If it costs me, it costs me. If I'm ridiculed, I'm ridiculed. But I will live changed.

Pray today: *“Lord, You have placed me here for such a time as this. Let my faith lead. Make me a Kingdom Influencer who lives, speaks, and stands boldly for the gospel.”* Then step into your moment with courage, trusting that God has positioned you to make an eternal impact.

Together we live changed. And when changed people live changed, movements begin.

Day 19: TOGETHER WE LIVE CHANGED – Live with a Different Purpose

Ephesians 4:22–24 *“You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.”*

Paul’s words to the church at Ephesus still echo with power for us today. He reminds them that following Jesus is not just believing differently—it is living differently. The call is to put off the old self and live with a new purpose. When you wake up each morning, you are called to live on mission for Christ. That means the way you talk, the way you treat people, the way you use your time—all of it reflects the new purpose of showing the world who Jesus is. People may not remember every verse you quote, but they will remember the way you lived. Changed people live changed with a purpose to let their lives declare the gospel.

But Paul also reminds us that living changed means being honest about our sin. He says the old self is “corrupted by deceitful desires.” Sin always deceives, always corrupts, always leads us off track. That’s why repentance is central to a changed life. Adam and Eve tried to cover themselves with fig leaves, but you cannot cover sin—you must confess it. To live changed is to admit when you’ve fallen and turn back to God - confession. Repentance isn’t about shame; it’s about freedom. It’s the pathway to spiritual health and the only way to walk closely with Christ.

Together we live changed because we know the power of repentance.

Paul goes further and tells us to “be made new in the attitude of your minds.” Attitude shapes everything. It is not just an emotion—it is a choice. And living changed means we choose an attitude anchored in Christ. Too often, emotions like anger or frustration take over and cost us our testimony. But when we let our faith lead, we respond differently. We choose joy in the middle of hardship. We choose patience in the face of pressure. We choose grace when others choose anger. Our attitude reveals whether or not we truly live changed.

Finally, Paul says to “put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.” Living changed is not about blending into the culture but being transformed by Christ. Romans 12:2 reminds us not to conform to the world but to be transformed by renewing our minds. Changed people live differently. They forgive when wronged. They show kindness when it’s not deserved. They live holy, not because they are perfect, but because they belong to the One who is. To live changed is to put on Christ daily and let His righteousness define you.

Pray today: *“Lord, help me put off my old self, be renewed in my mind, and put on the new self. Let my faith lead me to live with purpose, honesty, and transformation so others can see You in me.”* Then walk through your day with intentionality, showing that you live with a new purpose.

Together we live changed—and when our faith leads, our lives become undeniable evidence of Christ.

Day 20: TOGETHER WE LIVE CHANGED – Clothed in Christ

Colossians 3:12–14 (NIV) *“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”*

Paul reminds us that living changed is not a one-time decision; it is a daily choice. Each morning, before you walk into the world, you must decide: *What will I clothe myself with today?* Will I wear anger, pride, impatience, and unforgiveness? Or will I put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience?

Living changed is like getting dressed—it requires intentionality. Nobody accidentally wakes up dressed. You make the choice. In the same way, you don’t drift into living like Jesus—you wake up each morning and decide, *“Today I will live changed.”* You put off the old self and clothe yourself with the character of Christ.

Notice Paul begins by reminding us of our identity: *“As God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved...”* That is who you are. You don’t clothe yourself to earn God’s love—you clothe yourself because you already have it. When you know you are chosen, holy, and loved, you begin to live differently. Your confidence isn’t in you; it’s in Christ in you.

But this is also a battle. Sin doesn’t give up easily. Hebrews 12:1

warns us to resist the sin that so easily entangles. The enemy will try every day to get you to put on the old self again. That's why living changed takes daily, intentional surrender. Every morning, you have to say: *"Lord, today I choose You. I choose to wear compassion when the world wears bitterness. I choose to wear patience when frustration rises. I choose to wear humility when pride calls my name. And above all, I choose to wear love."*

Love is what ties it all together. Love is the evidence of Christ in us. Jesus said in John 13:35, *"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."* The world will not recognize Jesus in us by how much we know, but by how much we love. When changed people live changed, clothed in the love of Christ, the world sees Him clearly.

Don't leave your house spiritually unclothed. Wake up each morning and make the daily decision to live changed. Put on Christ. Wear love. Walk into the world as a Kingdom Influencer.

Tomorrow morning, when you wake up, before you check your phone or rush into your day, stop and pray: *"Lord, today I choose to clothe myself in compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, and above all, love. Let my faith lead so that my life shows evidence of You."* Then go live it out, one intentional step at a time.

Together we live changed—because changed people make the daily decision to clothe themselves in Christ.

Day 21: TOGETHER WE NEED PEOPLE – People Need People

Hebrews 10:24–25 (NIV) *“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”*

The writer of Hebrews gives us a cowboy term: *spur* one another on. A spur, when used correctly, doesn't harm the horse but directs it, guides it, and reminds it of the path forward. In the same way, believers need to “spur one another on” — not to anger or discouragement, but toward love, good deeds, and Christlikeness. This is the call of the Christian community: not to tear each other down, but to call one another up.

The Jewish believers in Jerusalem were struggling. Pressure from culture, fear of persecution, and the weariness of life had caused many to drift from the faith and neglect the church. So, the author of Hebrews wrote with urgency: don't give up meeting together. Don't drift. Don't isolate. Don't let the culture pull you away. Instead, cling to Christ and cling to His people.

That message is just as urgent today. According to recent research, only 20% of Americans attend church weekly. Even among believers, the average attendance is less than two times per month. But Hebrews 10 is clear: you cannot spur one another on if you aren't together. You

cannot encourage one another if you aren't gathering. The church was never meant to be a solo act—it is a body (1 Corinthians 12). A body only functions when every part is present.

Here's the truth: people need people. God designed us for community, and isolation will always lead to drift. You become like the people you're around. Walk with the wise, and you'll become wise (Proverbs 13:20). Surround yourself with the faithful, and your faith will grow. But surround yourself with the world, and don't be surprised if your heart grows cold.

That's why groups matter. Sunday services matter. Bible studies, men's gatherings, women's groups, student ministry—all of it matters. They're not "extras" to add if you have time; they are God's design for how your faith flourishes. Ecclesiastes 4:9–10 reminds us: *"Two are better than one... if either falls down, one can help the other up. But if you're alone, who will lift you when you fall?"*

Let me say it plainly: you need people in your life who will notice when you're drifting, who will call when you're absent, who will meet with you when you're struggling, who will love you enough to call out sin, and who will cheer you on when you obey Christ. We all need people who will spur us on—sometimes with encouragement, sometimes with correction, but always with love.

So, the question is simple: who are your people? Who knows you well enough to call you up? Who's watching your back when life gets hard? If you don't have an answer, it's time to step into community. Join a small group. Show up weekly. Put yourself around people who will push you toward Jesus.

Together we need people—because people need people.

Day 22: TOGETHER WE NEED PEOPLE – We Hold Each Other Up

Exodus 17:11–12 (NIV) *“As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. When Moses’ hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset.”*

The battle against the Amalekites in Exodus 17 is one of the clearest pictures in Scripture of why people need people. Joshua was down in the valley fighting. Moses was on the hill interceding, lifting his staff as a symbol of God’s power and presence. But when his arms grew weary, the staff began to lower, and Israel started to lose ground. The turning point came when Aaron and Hur stepped in. They set a stone under Moses so he could sit, and then each took a side—holding up his arms until the victory was won.

Joshua needed Moses. Moses needed Aaron and Hur. Aaron and Hur needed Joshua. The victory belonged to the Lord, but every part of the team was essential.

This is the picture of the church. None of us were designed to fight alone. You may be the one in the valley doing battle right now. Or you may be the one on the hill, praying and interceding. Or maybe you’re called to be an Aaron or a Hur, coming alongside a weary brother or sister, lifting them up when they don’t have the strength to go on. But no

matter where you are, the truth is the same: together we need people.

Faith is not just a private journey; it is a shared calling. God has woven His people together so that when one is weak, another is strong. When one is tired, another holds them steady. When one falls, another helps them up (Ecclesiastes 4:10). That's why Hebrews 10 commands us not to neglect meeting together but to encourage one another—all the more as the Day of Christ's return draws near.

When you choose community, you are choosing to let faith lead. Faith says, *I can't do this alone, and I don't have to*. Faith admits weakness and leans on the strength of others. Faith trusts that God has placed people in your life not by accident, but for His purpose.

Who is holding up your arms when you're weary? And whose arms are you holding up? Both are vital. We all need Aarons and Hurs in our lives, and we are all called to be Aarons and Hurs to others. The church was never meant to be a crowd of spectators; it is a family of participants, each with a role to play in the victory God is bringing.

So, step in. Take your place. Don't just show up—lift someone up. Join a group, pray with a friend, carry a burden, encourage a brother, strengthen a sister. Because when the people of God stand together, God brings the victory.

Together we need people—because none of us can win the battle alone.

Day 23: TOGETHER WE NEED PEOPLE – Better Together

Ecclesiastes 4:9–12 (NIV) “Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.”

The wisdom of Solomon is simple but powerful: two are better than one. He gives us four pictures to drive this home: work, walking, warmth, and warfare. In every scenario, being with someone else is better than being alone.

When two labor together, they accomplish more than either could alone. When one falls, the other helps him up. When the cold night comes, two can share warmth. And when the enemy attacks, two can defend themselves side by side. Then Solomon adds the powerful image of a cord of three strands—woven together, unbreakable under pressure.

This is God’s design for His people. From the very beginning, He said, “*It is not good for the man to be alone*” (Genesis 2:18). We were made for relationship—with Him and with each other. That’s why Jesus didn’t just call individual disciples; He built a community. That’s why the church in Acts didn’t just meet in the temple courts; they gathered in homes, broke

bread, prayed, and carried each other's burdens. The Christian life is not just personal—it is communal.

But our culture pushes the opposite. Independence is celebrated. Isolation is normalized. We tell ourselves, "*I don't need anyone else. I can do this on my own.*" But Scripture says otherwise: "*Pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.*" Alone, you are vulnerable. Together, you are stronger. Together, you are defended. Together, you endure.

This is why *Together We Need People*. It's not just about filling a room on Sunday; it's about filling your life with people who point you to Jesus. It's about a small group that knows your name, your story, and your struggles. It's about men who sharpen each other like iron sharpening iron (Proverbs 27:17). It's about women who carry one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2). It's about students who walk in faith together rather than drift apart.

Here's the truth: we are better together. Your marriage is stronger when you are in community. Your kids are healthier when they grow up around the family of God. Your faith is steadier when you walk with people who will not let you fall. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken—because God has designed us to hold each other up.

So let faith lead you into community. Don't just sit in a row on Sunday—sit in a circle during the week. Don't just say "I'm fine"—be honest so someone can help you up. Don't just watch from the sidelines—step in and be the one who lifts another when they fall.

Together we need people—because we are better together.

Day 24: TOGETHER WE NEED PEOPLE – Mighty Together

2 Samuel 23:8–12 (NIV) *“These are the names of David’s mighty warriors: Josheb-Basshebeth, a Tahkemonite, was chief of the Three; he raised his spear against eight hundred men, whom he killed in one encounter. Next to him was Eleazar son of Dodai the Ahohite. As one of the three mighty warriors, he was with David when they taunted the Philistines... Eleazar stood his ground and struck down the Philistines till his hand grew tired and froze to the sword. The Lord brought about a great victory that day... Next to him was Shammah son of Agee the Hararite. When the Philistines banded together at a place where there was a field full of lentils, Israel’s troops fled, but Shammah took his stand... and struck the Philistines down, and the Lord brought about a great victory.”*

David was a man after God’s own heart, but he was not a man who walked alone. God surrounded him with what Scripture calls David’s “mighty men.” These were warriors who fought with him, defended him, and carried the vision God had placed in his heart. Their stories remind us that no great victory is ever won in isolation.

Look at a few of them:

Josheb-Basshebeth—He killed 800 men in one encounter. Courage beyond comprehension, but he didn’t fight for himself—he fought

for the king and the kingdom.

Eleazar—He stood his ground when others retreated. His hand clung to the sword until it froze there, and God brought a great victory. Loyalty and endurance defined him.

Shammah—When everyone else ran, he stood in the middle of a bean field and defended it. What looked small to others was worth fighting for to him.

Later in the chapter, we read of three men who risked their lives to break through enemy lines just to bring David a drink of water from Bethlehem (2 Samuel 23:13–17). That’s loyalty. That’s devotion. That’s brotherhood.

David’s mighty men weren’t perfect—later, you’ll find their failures recorded too—but they were faithful. They stayed when others left. They fought when others fled. They lifted David when he was weary, and they followed him when he was hunted. Their bond was forged in the fire of battle and anchored in the call of God.

Here’s the truth: every David needs mighty men, and every mighty man needs a David. Leaders need loyal friends, and loyal friends need godly leaders. The Christian life is not built for lone rangers—it is built for brotherhood and sisterhood in Christ.

Who are your “mighty men”? Who are the people standing beside you, willing to fight for your faith, your marriage, your children, your purity, your future? And equally, who are you standing beside? Who are you fighting for?

Let faith lead you to build a circle of warriors. For men, that may mean finding brothers in Christ who will hold you accountable and stand with you when temptation strikes. For women, that may mean walking with sisters in Christ who will pray for you through trials and remind you of the truth when life gets heavy.

David won many victories, but he didn't win them alone. Better to fight with a few mighty warriors than to drift alone in weakness. Find your circle. Be someone's mighty man.

Together we need people—because faith flourishes in the company of the faithful.

Day 25: TOGETHER WE NEED PEOPLE – The Power of Devoted Community

Acts 2:42–47 (NIV) “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

The church was born in a prayer meeting. The Spirit of God fell at Pentecost, Peter preached boldly, thousands were saved, and immediately something happened: the people gathered. Not just once a week, not just casually, but daily and with devotion. Acts 2 gives us the blueprint for why Together We Need People.

Notice the rhythm:

- They devoted themselves to teaching—truth rooted them.
- They devoted themselves to fellowship—relationships bound them. They broke bread—meals connected them.
- They prayed—God empowered them.

The result? Unity, generosity, joy, praise, and unstoppable growth.

This is more than history—it’s God’s design for His people today. The early church didn’t treat community as optional. They knew that apart from each other, their faith would wither. Together, filled with the Spirit, their faith spread like fire.

That’s the challenge for us: will we treat community as optional or essential? Hebrews 10:25 warns us not to give up meeting together and Acts 2 shows us why. Community isn’t just about encouragement—it’s about transformation. God adds power when His people gather in unity.

We live in a culture that says, “Do it on your own. Faith is private. Keep your distance.” But Acts 2 reminds us: *faith flourishes in fellowship*. The church is at its best when believers share life, meals, prayers, and mission.

Here’s the truth: isolation stunts your faith, but community multiplies it. You can’t get the full blessing of the Christian life apart from the people of God. The fire of faith burns brightest when it’s joined with others.

So let faith lead you into Acts 2 community. Don’t settle for attending once in a while. Be devoted. Get into a group. Open your home. Share meals. Pray with others. Give generously. Serve faithfully. Worship passionately. That’s when the Spirit of God moves powerfully, and that’s when the world takes notice.

The result for the early church? “*The Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*” And that’s still what God wants to do today.

Together we need people—because when God’s people gather in unity, the world sees Jesus.

Day 26: TOGETHER WE ARE ONE – Unity Flows from Jesus’ Prayer

John 17:21 — “*that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.*”

John 17 is often called the *High Priestly Prayer*. It is the longest recorded prayer of Jesus, and it happens just hours before Jesus’ betrayal in Gethsemane. In this sacred moment, Jesus doesn’t pray for miracles, for comfort, or even for His own safety—He prays for unity among His disciples and for all future believers.

The phrase “*that all of them may be one*” (Greek: *hen*, meaning “a state of unity, wholeness, or oneness”) points us to the intimate relationship between the Father and the Son. Jesus longs for His followers to reflect that same closeness, so the watching world would see God’s love through them. In other words, our unity is not just for us—it’s evangelistic.

This was radical. The disciples came from different backgrounds—fishermen, tax collectors, zealots—yet Jesus envisioned them as one family with one mission. He knew that division would cripple their witness, but unity would propel the gospel to the nations.

- **Unity was Jesus’ final request before the cross.** If this was His prayer before death, how can we treat it lightly in life?
- **Unity is modeled after the Trinity.** Just as the Father and Son

are perfectly united, so we are called to reflect that divine relationship.

- **Unity is our witness.** Jesus tied our oneness to the world's belief. The greatest apologetic for the gospel is not an argument—it's a united church.
- **Division distracts; unity attracts.** People run from conflict but are drawn to a community that loves deeply and walks together.
- **Unity is spiritual warfare.** The enemy's easiest strategy is to divide believers—through pride, preference, or offense. Guarding unity is kingdom work.

Are you building unity, or are you feeding division? Even small seeds of gossip, pride, post, or selfishness can fracture what Christ prayed for.

Pray Jesus' prayer over your church today: *"Lord, make us one, just as You and the Father are one, so the world may believe.* Text or encourage one fellow believer with a word of unity, reminding them that we are better together.

Day 27: TOGETHER WE ARE ONE – Unity Starts with Humility

Ephesians 4:2 “*Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.*”

Paul wrote Ephesians while imprisoned in Rome, about ten years after planting the Ephesian church. In chapter 4, he shifts from doctrine (Eph. 1–3) to practice (Eph. 4–6). His first charge to this growing church is about their *walk*—how they live out the calling they’ve received in Christ.

Notice his opening word: “*completely.*” Paul doesn’t leave room for partial humility, occasional gentleness, or selective patience. For the church to thrive, these qualities must mark *every believer all the time.*

The Greek word for *humble* (*tapeinophrosynē*) was radical in the first-century world. In Roman culture, humility was seen as weakness. Yet Paul insists that humility is the very foundation of Christian unity—because it reflects the heart of Jesus, “who humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross” (Philippians 2:8).

Unity in the church will never be achieved through pride, competition, or self-promotion. It begins when believers choose the low place, follow Christ’s example, and lift others up.

Remember these truths:

- **Pride divides; humility unites.** Division often begins when people demand their own way. Humility lays aside personal preference for the sake of the body.

- **Humility chooses to serve, not be served.** Unity grows when we step down from the platform and pick up the towel.
- **Humility respects rather than rebels.** Instead of resisting leadership or competing for influence, humility honors others above self.
- **Humility follows rather than complains.** Complaining fractures trust; following with faith strengthens unity.
- **Humility reflects Christ.** The ultimate example of humility is Jesus, who gave His life not to advance His own glory, but to save ours.

What situation in your life right now requires humility to preserve unity? Is it in your marriage, your workplace, your friendships, or your church? The quickest way to divide is to demand your way. The quickest way to unify is to humble yourself.

Let Faith Lead – Action Step

- Today, *practice humility on purpose.*
- Let someone else take the lead.
- Choose to go second.
- Celebrate another person's success instead of seeking your own spotlight.
- Pray: *“Lord, teach me the humility of Christ, that I may walk in a way that preserves unity.”*

Day 28: TOGETHER WE ARE ONE – Stronger Together

Galatians 6:2 *“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”*

Paul’s letter to the Galatians is a passionate defense of the true gospel—salvation by grace through faith, not by works of the law. In chapter 6, he shifts from theology to application, showing what the Spirit-filled life looks like in community.

The word *burden* here (Greek: *barē*) refers to a heavy, crushing load—something too great for one person to carry alone. Paul instructs believers to step under those loads together. When we do, we “fulfill the law of Christ,” which is to love one another as He loved us (John 13:34).

Unity isn’t just about standing side by side—it’s about sharing the weight. A healthy church isn’t a place where everyone pretends to be fine; it’s a family where burdens are lifted in love.

We are Stronger Together:

- **Unity multiplies strength.** One Belgian horse can pull 8,000 pounds. Two trained to pull together can drag 32,000 pounds—four times the weight! Unity doesn’t just add power, it multiplies it.
- **Burdens are meant to be shared.** No one is called to carry their load alone. When you help bear another’s burden, you’re living out the very love of Christ.

- **Unity is practical, not abstract.** It looks like meals delivered, prayers prayed, bills paid, shoulders offered, and time sacrificed.
- **The enemy isolates-Christ unites.** Satan loves to convince believers they are alone in their struggles. The gospel reminds us we were never meant to walk alone.
- **Together we fulfill the law of Christ.** Unity isn't just a nice idea—it's obedience to Jesus' command to love.

Who in your church family is carrying something heavy right now? Don't wait for them to ask. Step in, help lift the weight, and show the love of Christ in action.

Let Faith Lead – Action Step

- Call or text one person in your church today and ask: *“How can I support you right now?”*
- Then, follow through. Small acts of unity—when multiplied across a church—can change an entire community.

Day 29: TOGETHER WE ARE ONE – Unity Brings Peace

Ephesians 4:3 “*Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*”

Paul’s words to the Ephesians remind us that unity doesn’t just happen naturally—it requires intentional effort. The phrase “*make every effort*” in Greek (*spoudazō*) means to be diligent, to strain, or to do whatever it takes.

Notice that unity is called “the unity of the Spirit.” This means it’s not something we create by our own strength—it’s a gift given by the Holy Spirit. But while God provides the unity, it’s our responsibility to preserve it. How? Through the *bond of peace*.

The word *bond* (*sundesmos*) pictures something that ties or fastens together—like ligaments holding a body together. Peace is the glue of the Christian community. Without it, the body fractures; with it, the church thrives in health and strength.

Let your faith lead through allowing Unity to bring peace:

- **Unity requires effort. Peace isn’t automatic.** We must guard it, fight for it, and refuse to let the enemy sow division.
- **Unity flows from the Spirit.** Our strategies and systems may help, but only the Spirit of God creates true unity. We maintain what He gives.
- **Peace is the glue of community.** Just like ligaments hold a body

together, peace holds believers together. Without it, disunity spreads like injury.

- **Conflict is the enemy’s weapon.** Whether in marriage, friendships, or churches, the enemy uses offense and bitterness to divide.
- **Peace reflects the gospel.** Jesus made peace between God and man through the cross (Eph. 2:14–16). When we pursue peace with others, we mirror His work.

Is there a conflict you’ve allowed to linger—something that’s robbing your peace and weakening your unity? Peace will never grow where bitterness is watered.

Let Faith Lead – Action Step:

Take one step toward reconciliation today:

- Apologize if you need to.
- Forgive if you’ve been wronged.
- Reach out if the distance has grown.
- Pray: *“Lord, help me fight for peace and guard the unity You’ve given us through Your Spirit.”*

Day 30: TOGETHER WE ARE ONE – Unity Unlocks Mission

Acts 1:8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8 is Jesus’ final commission before ascending into heaven. He promises the Holy Spirit’s power, but that power has a purpose: to make His people witnesses to the ends of the earth.

Unity is essential here. Notice Jesus didn’t give this commission to individuals acting on their own—He gave it to a community of believers. In fact, in Acts 2, the Spirit fell *when they were all together in one place*. The pattern is clear: the Spirit empowers, unity binds, and mission advances.

Throughout history, divided churches have lost their influence, but united churches have changed nations. Our mission is too great to waste on division. When believers rally under the banner of the gospel, God unleashes unstoppable momentum.

Let unity unlock mission, and may many come to know Jesus:

- **Unity fuels mission.** The Spirit empowers a united church to advance the gospel farther and faster than any individual can.
- **Division drains power.** A fractured body can’t carry out a global mission. Division stalls what God wants to send.
- **Unity is evangelistic.** Just as Jesus prayed in John 17, our

oneness proves to the world that the Father sent the Son. Unity itself is part of the mission.

- **Unity demands sacrifice.** It means laying down preferences, parking in the gravel, investing in the next generation, or giving generously—so the mission keeps moving forward.
- **Our reach is greater together.** Whether in Canadian County, Oklahoma, or to the ends of the earth, unity expands the scope of the gospel.

Does your life reflect God’s mission—or just your own? Unity calls us to align our personal lives with God’s greater plan of reaching people far from Him.

Let Faith Lead – Action Step:

- Share the gospel or invite someone to church this week. Do it as part of a larger mission—not just “me” reaching, but “we” reaching together.
- Pray: *“Lord, unite us by Your Spirit and use our unity to reach the world for You.”*

Day 31: TOGETHER WE SERVE – The Call to Serve Together

1 Corinthians 12:12 *“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.”*

Paul is writing to a church in Corinth that was often torn by **divisions, competition, and self-interest**. Instead of working together, people were elevating certain gifts and diminishing others. Paul knew that if the church was going to grow—not just in numbers but in spiritual maturity—it had to be unified. Their mission to advance the gospel would collapse without cooperation under Christ.

To make this truth clear, Paul paints a vivid picture: the church is like the human body. Every part matters. The eye cannot dismiss the hand, and the head cannot disregard the feet. Unity in the church does not mean everyone is the same; it means **diverse people, with diverse gifts, working together under the headship of Jesus Christ**.

One of the greatest truths we can embrace is this: **God designed you with purpose to be used for His service**. You are not an accident. Your talents, passions, and even your life experiences have been shaped by God to serve His kingdom. Some serve by teaching, others by encouraging, others by showing mercy, leading, giving, or offering hospitality.

You may think your gift is too small or too ordinary, but in the hands of God, no gift is wasted. When you serve in your unique way, the body of Christ becomes stronger. When you don't, the body limps along weaker than it should be. **Faith in Jesus doesn't sit still—it moves us to action**. When we let faith lead, we step into our calling, trusting that God placed

us in the body for a reason. Serving isn't optional—it's essential.

Reflect: What unique gifts, skills, or passions has God entrusted to you? How could they serve others?

Partner: Ask a fellow believer how you could serve together for greater kingdom impact.

Pray: Ask God to make your church a body marked by unity, humility, and sacrificial service.

Take a Step: Don't wait. Sign up this week to serve in your local church.

Day 32: TOGETHER WE SERVE – The Example of Jesus’ Servanthood

John 13:3–5 “Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.”

On the night before His crucifixion, Jesus shared a final meal with His disciples in the upper room. Normally, a servant would be present to wash the guests’ feet before eating—a dirty, thankless job. But on this night, no servant was there. None of the disciples stepped up.

Then the Rabbi did the unthinkable: He rose from the table, set aside His robe, and took up the towel of a servant. The Lord of glory stooped to wash the feet of His followers. This act stunned them.

Jesus redefined greatness that night. It is not measured by position, power, or recognition, but by humility and sacrificial service. Leaders don’t delegate servanthood—they display it. If Jesus—the Son of God—was willing to serve in the lowest way, then there is no act of service beneath us. Our world celebrates being first, but the kingdom of God calls us to stoop low. True greatness is not about being served but about serving.

Faith in Christ moves us toward action: How do you need to let your faith lead today by taking the towel in our homes, workplaces, and churches. Every small act of service—when done in humility—reflects the heart of Christ and points people to Him.

Remember: Recall a time when someone’s humble service made a

lasting impact on you.

Action: Look for a specific way this week to “take the towel” and serve someone around you.

Pray: Ask God for the humility and courage to serve like Jesus.

Day 33: TOGETHER WE SERVE – Serving Everyone, Not Just Someone

John 13:11 *“For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not everyone was clean.”*

When Jesus took up the towel and began washing the disciples’ feet, He already knew what was in their hearts. He knew Judas would betray Him. He knew Peter would deny Him. He knew the rest would scatter in fear. Yet He washed every foot anyway.

This is radical love. This is servanthood without conditions. Jesus’ act shows us that service is not about who “deserves” it—it’s about reflecting the character of Christ. He did not withhold His humility, kindness, or compassion from even the one who would hand Him over to death.

This challenges us at the deepest level. **Are we willing to serve those who might hurt us, disappoint us, or disagree with us?** True Christian service does not stop at those who are easy to love. It reaches into uncomfortable places—across lines of politics, culture, religion, and worldview—because that is where the love of Jesus is most needed.

Remember:

- **Service is Selfless, Not Selective** – If we only serve those who like us, look like us, or agree with us, we have missed the example of Jesus.
- **Service Builds Influence** – Condemnation closes hearts, but

kindness opens doors. Serving earns trust, and trust creates room for the gospel.

- **Service Points to Jesus** – Every towel we take up is an opportunity to display His love. We are not serving people just to be nice; we are serving to point them to the Savior.

If you want to influence someone toward Jesus, **serve them to Jesus**. Don't condemn them to hell—show them Christ's kindness, which leads to repentance (Romans 2:4). Let your serving be the sermon that softens their heart.

Reflect: When have you been selective in who you serve? Ask God to expose blind spots in your love.

Expand: Look for one person this week who is different from you—politically, culturally, or spiritually—and serve them intentionally.

Pray: Ask God for the humility and strength to serve everyone with His unconditional love.

Day 34: TOGETHER WE SERVE – Embracing Servant Leadership

John 13:14–17 *“Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.”*

After washing His disciples’ feet, Jesus didn’t just leave them with an example—He left them with a command: “Do as I have done for you.” In a culture where honor and hierarchy dominated, this was a radical redefinition of leadership. The Lord and Teacher lowered Himself to the role of a servant, and He expected His disciples to do the same.

Jesus emphasized that true greatness in His kingdom isn’t measured by titles, authority, or recognition—it’s measured by humility, service, and love. Servant leadership flips the script of worldly leadership. Instead of climbing higher for personal gain, it stoops lower to lift others up.

Servant Leadership is Action, Not Words – Jesus didn’t just talk about humility; He demonstrated it by washing feet. Our leadership is proven in how we treat people, not in what we claim about ourselves.

- **Servant Leaders See a Need as an Assignments** – “A need seen is an assignment given.” It’s a call to step in, not step aside. Servant leaders don’t wait for someone else; they lean in with initiative and compassion.
- **Servant Leadership Produces Fruit** – Donnie Smith, former CEO of Tyson Foods, once said: *“Effective leadership starts with*

servanthood. Like the roots of a tree, leaders need to dig into the ground of their workplace, provide stability and structure, and resource their people in order to produce a fruitful environment.” When leaders serve, people flourish.

- **Servant Leadership Changes the Church’s Witness** – When the church embraces servant leadership, people feel loved instead of condemned. Service opens hearts to the gospel in ways pride and power never could.
- **Servant leadership requires a mindset shift** – from seeking to be served to seeking to serve. Jesus promised blessing—not for those who merely know about serving, but for those who actually do it. If you want to influence people toward Christ, embrace the towel and lead through service.
- **Reflect:** Recall a time when you saw servant leadership in action. How did it impact you?
- **Incorporate:** Look for one way this week to lead through service—meeting a need, lifting someone up, or setting the example in humility.
- **Pray:** Ask God to help you reject pride and embrace servant leadership in your home, workplace, and church.

Day 35: TOGETHER WE SERVE – Step Up to Serve

Mark 10:45 *“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

In Mark 10, the disciples were caught in an argument over greatness. They wanted titles, honor, and recognition in the kingdom. Their mindset reflected the world’s definition of leadership—being served, not serving.

Jesus cut through their ambitions with one of the most defining statements of His ministry: *“The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

This wasn’t just a correction; it was a declaration of His mission. Jesus wasn’t motivated by power or comfort. He came to lay His life down for others. This is the essence of discipleship: following the example of a Savior who traded the throne for a towel, who gave up His life so others might live.

- **Serving, then, is not optional for the believer.** It’s not a side project or a once-in-a-while activity. It is the heart of what it means to follow Jesus.
- **Serving is Sacrificial** – Jesus didn’t just serve when it was easy or convenient. He gave His very life. True service will cost you something—time, energy, comfort, and even pride.
- **Serving is Urgent** – Jesus said the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few (Matthew 9:37). The call is not for someday—it is for today. Opportunities to serve are around us right now. Seize

the day and share JESUS with others through how you serve them.

- **Serving is Eternal** – Every act of service carries weight beyond the moment. When you serve, you aren't just meeting a temporary need; you are pointing people to the eternal hope found in Christ.

If Jesus, the Son of God, humbled Himself to serve, then His followers cannot sit back in passivity. The kingdom of God does not advance through spectators but through servants. The time to step up is now. Don't wait for someone else. Don't wait for perfect conditions. Take the towel, step into the gap, and let your faith lead through service.

When we serve like Jesus, people don't just see us—they see Him. Our goal isn't to impress, it's to reflect. Our prayer isn't for recognition, but that others would encounter the Savior through our love in action.

As we finish this week's devotionals on serving, let's remember the simple yet powerful truth: to follow Jesus is to serve like Jesus.

He stooped low to wash feet.

He welcomed the outcast.

He fed the hungry.

He touched the sick.

He gave His life as a ransom for many.

Let's be like Jesus. Let's reject the world's ladder-climbing version of greatness and embrace the towel. Let's step up with urgency, humility, and courage. The church doesn't need more consumers—it needs more servants. Your family, your workplace, your community, your church—they need you to serve.

Don't wait. Step up today and let's work together!

- **Reflect:** What is one area where you've been waiting for others to step up instead of stepping in yourself?

- **Act:** Choose one way this week to serve sacrificially—even if it costs you comfort, time, or convenience.
- **Pray:** Ask God for courage to step out of passivity and into purposeful service for His kingdom.