

# God's Power Reflected in Our Service

***“For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give my life as a ransom for many.”***

***–Mark 10:45***

Does the word “service” scare you a bit? Maybe it strikes fear in you that someone (maybe even God) will ask you to do something you have no desire to do. Do you immediately sort through all the items still left undone on your “to-do” list and wonder how you’d be able to add to it?

That’s not the picture God wants us to get of service. He talks over and over about serving others and Himself in His Word. He uses phrases like, “with all your heart and all your soul” and “eager to serve.” If you grasp the idea that Christ, “the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,” you begin to get the picture that there is actually something quite powerful about the act of serving others.

I experienced that power back in college as I was just learning what the Christian life was all about. Searching for truth, I began to get involved in a campus ministry. The more I learned, the more I found myself feeling scared and unsure. The last thing the enemy wanted was for me to hear any more truth. But slowly, things I had heard all my life were being broken down. In their place was the truth of God being revealed and stretching the walls of the box in which I had Him. Little by little, I was being called upon to respond.

Each week I left our ministry meeting in tears and told myself I wouldn’t return. Then I’d get a phone call.

The friendly voice of someone would ask if I’d be interested in serving—maybe as a greeter or doing some other small task at the next meeting. Too embarrassed to explain I had no intention of returning, I’d agree to do the task. Being a responsible person, I showed up again and again—each week hearing more and more of God’s truth. Finally, I knew there was no denying that this truth was from Him. Once again, I left a meeting in tears, but this time it was in joy as I gave my life to Christ.

How grateful I am to this day for those phone calls. Little did those callers know that I needed someone to care enough to help me along by providing ways for me to serve, be committed and gradually be involved in God’s work. Since then, I’ve been convinced of the power of service.

Over and over I’ve seen the powerful effects of serving others. The Body of Christ is built up. People are encouraged. The world sees the love of Christ. The work of the Kingdom gets done. And, we are also able to see God at work in us. He uses each opportunity to teach us more about what our spiritual gifts are and how His power is reflected in our weaknesses.

Don’t miss out on the opportunity to see God work in and through you. Take time to ask Him where and how He wants to lead you to serve the Body of Christ. Pray for His power to be shown as you do. Also pray for ways to invite others to serve alongside you. You never know what the impact may be!

***“But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.”***

***–Galatians 5:13***

***“But be very careful to obey all the commands and the law that Moses gave to you. To love the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways, obey His commands, to hold fast to Him and to serve Him with all your heart and all your soul.”***

***–Joshua 22:5***

***“Care for the flock of God entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God.”***

***–1 Peter 5:2***