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This is Us



- We are a church with **outstretched arms**
  - The way our **community** will experience the **love** of a Savior is through the outstretched arms of His **church**
  - **Brand** – a distinctive, **instantly recognizable** identity that strikes a positive cord in the consumer

*A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*

**John 13:34-35**

- We are a church with **worn-out knees**
  - **One** of the reasons we are so **worn out** from life is because our knees **aren't**

*On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it 'a den of robbers'.*

**Mark 11:15-17**

- We are a church with **rolled-up sleeves**
  - It is one thing to **tell** people that Jesus loves them, but it is another thing to **show** them

*When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. 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.*

**John 13:12-17**

- Find a **need** and **meet** it
- We are a church with **open hands**
  - What are you **holding** on to that needs to be **surrendered** to God

Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The Lord did not appear to you'?" Then the Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" "A staff," he replied. The Lord said, "Throw it on the ground." Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it. Then the Lord said to him, "Reach out your hand and take it by the tail." So Moses reached out and took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand. "This," said the Lord, "is so that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has appeared to you."

**Exodus 4:1-5**

- The only thing that Moses had to offer God was a **stick**, but when surrendered, it became the **staff** of God

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

**2 Corinthians 12:9-10**

- God has a way of turning the **ordinary** into the **extraordinary**
- We are a church with **dusty shoes**
  - We have to be willing to get **outside** of the walls of this church to share the love of Jesus with those who have **never** heard

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

**Matthew 28:18-20**

- The **community** is not going to show up just because we are **here**