

Focal Point: Pt 6 - Jesus Serves

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Psalm 34:8 NIV Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

James 2:14-17 NLT What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.

***(FAITH - ACTION OF SERVICE) = DEAD FAITH ->
CONCEALS JESUS***

***(FAITH + ACTION OF SERVICE) = LIVING FAITH ->
REVEALS JESUS***

Mark 9:33-35 NIV They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

Mark 10:45 NIV 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.

Why We Serve

1) Serving shows God's character.

John 13:14-15 NLT And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. I have given you an

example to follow. Do as I have done to you.

John 13:35 NIV By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

2) Serving shares God's goodness.

Matthew 22:37-39 NIV Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

3) Serving spreads the Gospel Message.

Matthew 28:19-20 NIV 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.

4) Serving satisfies the expectation of our earthly assignment.

Matthew 25:23 NIV Well done, good and faithful servant ...