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Pastor Watley preaches from the title “Kingdom Ministry” this week as he continues his sermon series entitled “It’s My Pleasure”. Pastor wants us to know that each of us has a “ministry” that God has entrusted into our hands. Jesus came for us to serve and not be served as Pastor shared last week. The opening scripture used this week is from Matthew chapter 4 and verse 23.



**Matthew 4:23**

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.



Jesus taught and preached to those who needed the Word of God. However, Pastor helps us to understand that even though Jesus was teaching and preaching, that this ministry ended in healing. The result of ministry was the impact, Jesus did what only He could do and the others around Him did their part. Pastor shares a few other stories from the Bible to explain this point.



It's not just about the Word but also about works. The Word is very important but the Word should lead us to works that have impact and benefit others. These stories show that works are key also important.

### ***Luke 10:38-41***

*<sup>38</sup> As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"*

*<sup>41</sup> "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed—or indeed only one.<sup>[1]</sup> Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."*



# IT'S MY Pleasure

## **Exodus 18:17-27**

<sup>17</sup> Moses' father-in-law replied, "What you are doing is not good. <sup>18</sup> You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone. <sup>19</sup> Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you. You must be the people's representative before God and bring their disputes to him. <sup>20</sup> Teach them his decrees and instructions, and show them the way they are to live and how they are to behave.

<sup>21</sup> But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. <sup>22</sup> Have them serve as judges for the people at all times, but have them bring every difficult case to you; the simple cases they can decide themselves. That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you. <sup>23</sup> If you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied."

<sup>24</sup> Moses listened to his father-in-law and did everything he said. <sup>25</sup> He chose capable men from all Israel and made them leaders of the people, officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. <sup>26</sup> They served as judges for the people at all times. The difficult cases they brought to Moses, but the simple ones they decided themselves.

<sup>27</sup> Then Moses sent his father-in-law on his way, and Jethro returned to his own country.

## **Acts 6:1-7**


<sup>1</sup> In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews<sup>[a]</sup> among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. <sup>2</sup> So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. <sup>3</sup> Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them <sup>4</sup> and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."

<sup>5</sup> This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. <sup>6</sup> They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.



*<sup>7</sup> So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.*

Each scripture helps us to understand the works that are linked to the Word of God. Pastor uses the below scripture from Mark 6: 38-44



### Mark 6:38-44

"How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five—and two fish."<sup>39</sup> Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass.<sup>40</sup> So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties.<sup>41</sup> Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all.<sup>42</sup> They all ate and were satisfied,<sup>43</sup> and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish.<sup>44</sup> The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

Through this text Pastor outlines how Jesus taught on leadership and what leaders do differently to be effective. This next slide details two points from Pastor Watley.



### Kingdom Ministry

Individual Sacrifice	Freewill	Organization
Leadership	Power of God	Fulfillment of Need
Overflow		

Being in Kingdom ministry as we learn from Pastor and Jesus in the scripture, means that we are willing to sacrifice and obey in order to meet the need.

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## 1. RESPOND

### **Introspective Questions**

- ï When was the last time you made a sacrifice for ministry?
- ï How have you made changes in your life in order to support others around you?

### **Discussion Questions**

- ï What do you think the disciples thought when they saw Jesus trying to feed all of those people?
- ï How would you have organized the feeding of so many people ?