

A person is silhouetted against a night sky filled with stars and the Milky Way galaxy. The person is standing on a dark horizon line, pointing their right arm upwards towards the stars. The sky is a deep black with a dense field of stars, and the Milky Way is visible as a bright, hazy band of light stretching across the sky. The overall mood is contemplative and awe-inspiring.

GROWING IN INTIMACY WITH GOD

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WARNING
DANGER
DO NOT PULL
HANDLE
SMITH BARBER WINGSPAN SEAT
SECTION SEAT CAPACITY
4 WEIGHTS 200 LB ON RUNWAY

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Matthew 20:24-28

²⁴ And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. ²⁵ But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.

Matthew 20:24-28

²⁶ It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, ²⁸ even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Every person knowing God so intimately
that we are filled with His love and power
and joyfully offering ourselves in
advancing His kingdom in our
community and throughout the world.

We serve because ...

- Jesus did
- Jesus commands us
- It transforms us
- It draws us closer to God

FIRST

We serve because Jesus did

... the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve ...

Philippians 2:5-8

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

- Serving is a mindset
- Serving goes hand in hand with humility
- Serving is sacrificial

Second

We serve because Jesus commands us

... it shall not be so among you ...

Matthew 9:37-38

³⁷ The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Obedience changes hearts

Third

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Fourth

We serve because it draws us closer

Psalm 23:4-5

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

Psalm 23:4-5

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;

Isaiah 43:1-3

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

Isaiah 43:1-3

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

³ For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.