

From the Row to the Team:  
*Why Church Was Never Meant to Be a Solo Mission*

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Spirit-Led Revolution 38 Acts 14; Mark 6:7; Ecclesiastes 4:9–10; Ephesians 2:19

DISCOVER (Message Notes)

INTRODUCTION

- We All Face Moments We Weren’t Meant to Handle \_\_\_\_\_
- Being Spirit-Led Doesn’t Mean Being People-\_\_\_\_\_
- It’s Not Just About Teaming Up; It’s About Being \_\_\_\_\_

1. GOD NEVER SENDS US \_\_\_\_\_; HE SENDS US IN TEAMS

- The Spirit Doesn’t Just Call Us, He \_\_\_\_\_ Us
- Partnership is a Pattern, not a \_\_\_\_\_
- Team Ministry Covers \_\_\_\_\_ and Amplifies Strengths
- The Church Isn’t a Congregation—It’s a \_\_\_\_\_

2. TEAMS DON’T JUST SERVE TOGETHER; THEY \_\_\_\_\_ TOGETHER

- Public Applause Can Quickly Turn into Public \_\_\_\_\_
- The Right People Around You Can Help You Get Back Up
- Hardship Doesn’t Break Spirit-Formed Teams, It \_\_\_\_\_ Them

3. \_\_\_\_\_ DOESN’T JUST NEED TRUTH; IT NEEDS PEOPLE

- Good Friends Walk with You, Spiritual Friends Walk You \_\_\_\_\_
- Hard \_\_\_\_\_ Hit Differently in Loving Community
- Encouragement Isn’t Optional, It’s \_\_\_\_\_

4. CHURCH ISN’T JUST A WEEKLY PIT STOP. IT’S OUR \_\_\_\_\_

- They Didn’t Just Build People, They Built \_\_\_\_\_

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### DRAINING THE TUB

- Are You Planted, or Are You Just Passing Through?
- If You’ll Bring the Yes, God Will Build the Rest
- Where Can I Step In?
- These Teams Don’t Just Need Help, They Need You!

### RESPOND (How is the Lord Challenging Me?)

- \_\_\_\_\_ I’ve been attending church but not really participating, and today I’m ready to take my place on a team and build with my church family
- \_\_\_\_\_ I’ve been hesitant to serve because I didn’t feel qualified, but today I believe God can use me just as I am.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I want to be part of what God is doing at New Life and I’m ready to say yes to whatever team or area He’s calling me to.

### GROW (Going Deeper for Personal Study)

- **Reflect:** Where have I been standing on the sidelines when God may be calling me to step in and serve? What fear, insecurity, or excuse has been holding me back?
- **Read & Pray:** Read [1 Corinthians 12:12–27](#) and [Ephesians 4:11–16](#). Ask God: “Where do You want me to grow by serving others? Who are You calling me to build with?”
- **Take a Step:** Pray over the team opportunities listed in your notes. Then fill out the form, tear it off, and take action this week. Don’t wait to feel ready, *move forward in faith!*

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## **Where Can I Step In?**

Take a moment to check the areas you're interested in learning more about, then tear off this page and drop it in the offering bucket or leave it at the Connect Booth on your way out. We'll follow up and help you find your place.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Kid's Ministry Teams** – Help shape young hearts and teach the next generation about Jesus.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Bus Ministry Teams** – Reach families who might never walk through the doors unless someone brings them in.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Student Ministry Teams** – Walk with teens through the toughest and most transformational years of their lives.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Woodcutting Ministry Team** – Serve practical needs and bring warmth to people who simply need help.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Family Night Meal Teams** – Create space for connection and conversation by feeding families.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Security Team** – Help keep our gatherings safe and focused, providing peace of mind as we worship and grow.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Worship Arts Teams** – Whether you sing, play an instrument, or run sound and visuals, this team helps lead our church into the presence of God and creates a distraction-free space for people to encounter Jesus.

**And there are several others back on the “*Yes Wall*” in the Connect Room.**