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Mission Trip to Thailand Attended ECB Sunday Morning

(your last night-they are 12 hours ahead of us)







It was a huge blessing worshipping with such an international community



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Discovering and Deepening Your Gifts.

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SCRIPTURE:

NUMBERS 8:5-22

CLEANSING OF THE LEVITES



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5 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 6 "Take the Levites from among the people of Israel and cleanse them.

7 - explains

8 Then let them take a bull from the herd and its grain offering of fine flour mixed with oil, and you shall take another bull from the herd for a sin offering.



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9 *And you shall bring the Levites before the tent of meeting and* **assemble the whole congregation** *of the people of Israel.* **10** *When you bring the Levites before the Lord,* **the people of Israel shall lay their hands on the Levites,** **11** *and Aaron shall offer the Levites before the Lord as a wave offering from the people of Israel, that they may do the service of the Lord.*



ROMANS 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.



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Four Offerings:

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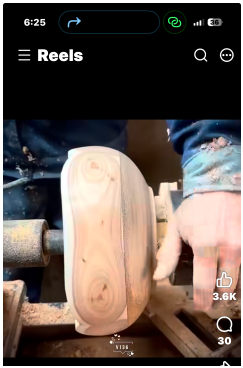
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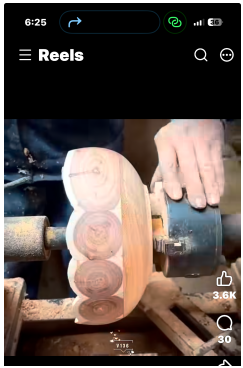
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Numbers 8:14

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Numbers 8:13-15a

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15 And **after that** *the Levites* **shall go** *in to serve*

Food – LEVITICUS 7:34

34 For the breast that is waved and the thigh that is contributed **I have taken** *from the people of Israel, out of the sacrifices of their peace offerings,* **and have given them** *to Aaron the priest and to his sons, as a perpetual due from the people of Israel.*

Resources– EXODUS 35:21, 36:1

And they came, everyone whose heart stirred him, and everyone whose spirit moved him, and brought **the Lord's contribution** *to be used for the tent of meeting*

Bezalel and Oholiab and every craftsman in whom **the Lord has put skill and intelligence to know how to do** *any work in the construction of the sanctuary…*

VERSE 22

AND EVERYONE CAME WHO WAVED A WAVE OFFERING OF GOLD TO THE LORD.

ACTS 7:48-49

48 Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made
by hands, as the prophet says,
49 "'Heaven is my throne,
and the earth is my footstool.
What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord,
or what is the place of my rest?
50 Did not my hand make all these things?'



People – Numbers 8

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the Levites shall go in to serve *at the tent of meeting, when you have cleansed them and offered them as a wave offering. 19 And* **I have given the Levites as a gift** *to Aaron and his sons from among the people of Israel, to do the service for the people…*

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EXODUS 32:26

then Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, "Who is on the Lord's side? Come to me." And all the sons of Levi gathered around him.



1 PETER 2:4-9

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1 Peter 1:1

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are **elect exiles** *of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia...*

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OFFER - Acceptable Sacrifice - Leviticus 7

Oftentimes

God's provision for his people

IS HIS PEOPLE

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Invite the God who has claimed your life, to make it a gift to others.



1 Peter 2:7, 9

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An honor is a privilege so great that EVERY inconvenience becomes worth it.

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9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that… you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

EPHESIANS 2:4-10

4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

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8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.



Let's close our time by responding

Have I allowed my service to God to become more of an inconvenience than an honor?

Do I measure my value by how useful I am—or receive my value from the God who has made me his own?

SING - GIVE - PRAY - REFLECT