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FOR GOOD.




What happens when being needed
matters more than meeting needs?

SELF-SUFFICIENCY WILL MASQUERADE AS LIVING FOR JESUS WHILE STEALING GLORY FROM HIM



Ephesians 2:8–10

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

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1 CORINTHIANS 1:4-7

4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the
grace of God that was given you in Christ
Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all
speech and all knowledge– 6 even
as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you–
7 so that you are not lacking in any
gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-13

10 I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. 11 For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. 12 What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." 13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-3, 9

But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. 2 I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, 3 for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way?

9 For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.


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1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-11

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;
5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;
6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same
God who empowers them all in everyone.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-11

7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

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1 CORINTHIANS 1:27-29

27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:7

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

GOD BUILT HIS PEOPLE TO HAVE...

Different gifts AND shared purpose




WHERE DOES
COMPARISON
COME FROM?


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Am I capable?
Am I valued?
Do I belong?

JOHN 15:4-5

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Am I capable Am I valued Do I belong

1 CORINTHIANS 12

15 If the foot should say,
"Because I am not a hand,
I do not belong to the body," that
would not make it any less a part
of the body.

16 And if the ear should say,
"Because I am not an eye, I
do not belong to the body



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Your differences don't disqualify you

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Not only that...

Your strengths don't make you self-sufficient



1 CORINTHIANS 12:21-26

21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." 22 On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, … 24b …But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, 25 that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.



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1 CORINTHIANS 12:21-26

26 If one member suffers, all suffer together;
if one member is honored, all rejoice together

JOHN 19:25-27

25 but standing by the cross of Jesus...

26 When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" 27 Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home

1 CORINTHIANS

Conflict with other believers	**6:7** *To have lawsuits at all with* **one another** *is already a defeat for you. Why not rather suffer wrong? Why not rather be defrauded?*
Conflict in Marriage	**7:5** *Do not deprive* **one another**, *except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self control.*
Conflict in Worship	**11:33** *So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for* **one another**—
Conflict in Service	**12:25** *that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for* **one another**.
	16:20 *All the brothers send you greetings. Greet* **one another** *with a holy kiss.*

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Impressive people = Impressive Church.

1 CORINTHIANS 13: 1-3

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

1 CORINTHIANS 13: 11-12

11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. 12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face.



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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

ACTS 18:24-28

24 Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures. 25 He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. 26 He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. 27 And when he wished to cross to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who through grace had believed, 28 for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus.