

Encounter Church  
Sunday February 11, 2024

Sit and Serve  
Serve Like Jesus

INTRODUCTION: Today is Serve Team Sunday.

REMINDER: In early December the Spirit of the Lord spoke to me that a storm is coming. That morning in Monday morning prayer Stephen Bachman confirmed that. Then this past Wednesday I listened to a podcast that confirmed this.

Luke 6:46-49- “So why do you keep calling me ‘Lord, Lord!’ when you don’t do what I say? I will show you what it’s like when someone comes to me, listens to my teaching, and then follows it. It is like a person building a house who digs deep and lays the foundation on solid rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against that house, it stands firm because it is well built. But anyone who hears and doesn’t obey is like a person who builds a house right on the ground, without a foundation. When the floods sweep down against that house, it will collapse into a heap of ruins.”

HEARING AND OBEYING THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS REALLY DOES MATTER!

***What made a huge difference for Jesus when he was facing the biggest storm of his life was his surrender and submission to his Heavenly Father.***

WHAT WAS THE STORM? **THE CROSS**

***That place Jesus put the needs of the world, you and me, before himself!***

***Our greatest example of servanthood is Jesus Christ! Him laying down his life for the world.***

***But he not only laid down his life, but because of his resurrection he has empowered you and me to discover who we really are, who he created us to be.***

Matthew 10:39- “If your first concern is to look after yourself, you’ll never find yourself. But if you forget about yourself and look to me, you’ll find both yourself and me.”

**AND AS YOU LOOK TO JESUS...YOU’LL BEGIN TO LOOK TO OTHERS!**

John 13:14-15- “And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other’s feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.

WHAT HAS JESUS DONE TO YOU AND FOR YOU?

PLEASE ALLOW ME TO SHARE A WORD OF CAUTION THROUGH SCRIPTURE.

2 Timothy 3:1-5- “You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!”

***Every week at Encounter, we are given the opportunity to practice putting our attention less on ourselves and more on others.***

1 Corinthians 12:7- “The Holy Spirit displays God’s power through each of us as a means of helping the entire church.”

### **1. Serve with an open heart**

James 2:1- “My dear brothers and sisters, how can you claim to have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ if you favor some people over others?”

Don’t be prejudice, SERVE WITH AN OPEN HEART

### **2. Serve with a selfless attitude**

Philippians 2:3-4- “Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.”

### **3. Serve with courage**

**NO FEAR!!!**

2 Timothy 1:7- “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”

### **4. Serve with Gladness**

**I DON’T HAVE TO, I GET TO!!!**

Psalms 100:2- “Serve the Lord with gladness...”

## 5. Serve with Love

Galatians 5:14- “For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

It all begins with love! “For God so loved the world...”

CONCLUSION: Friends we need each other.

1 Corinthians 12:21- “It would be wrong for the eye to say to the hand, “I don’t need you,” and equally wrong if the head said to the foot, “I don’t need you.”

***Encounter Family, in 2024, let’s SIT AND SERVE!***

WHAT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT SAYING TO YOU THROUGH THIS MESSAGE