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**When our energy, our actions, and our efforts are focused in the right place there are REALLY AMAZING things that can happen BECAUSE OF YOU.**

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**Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. 2 Corinthians 9:13**

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**So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Ephesians 4:11-12**

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**God specializes using in ordinary average people who feel like they are not good enough.**

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**When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. Acts 4:13**

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**God doesn't call the equipped. He equips the called.**

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**If you are not serving others and using the gifts that God has given you are missing out on God's best for you.**

**1. THE CHURCH DOESN'T NEED ME.**

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**2. BEEN THERE. DONE THAT. HATED IT.**

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**3. I CAN DO IT LATER**

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**You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. James 4:14**

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**It is impossible to call ourselves followers of Jesus and not be a servant.**

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### **1. EVERY PERSON IS IMPORTANT.**

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**Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body. 1 Corinthians 12:12,15-20**

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**As a follower of Christ you can never reach the full potential of everything that God created you to be separate from the Body of Christ.**

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**In the Body of Christ it isn't a he or a she that gets the credit. It is WE.**

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### **2. EVERY PERSON IS UNIQUE.**

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**For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb." Psalm 139:13**

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**You are irreplaceable. No one else in this room can do what you would do just the way that you would do it.**

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### **3. IT'S NOT ABOUT YOU.**

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**"Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to finding yourself, your true self." Matthew 16:25 MSG**

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**God didn't create you to serve yourself. God created you to serve others.**

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**Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. John 13:3-5**

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