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As God’s people today, we must do our part if we want to experience His promises. Just as Moses’ successor, Joshua, was charged to continue the call of God, one day we will pass the torch to the next generation. Look around you, the young people you see will either obey the LORD or fall away. There is much work to do – many people still need to hear the good news of Christ’s love. Where lies the loyalty of your heart – is it in God, or are you fully devoted to *you*?

Read James 2:14-17

Faith is a gift, and true faith has results. We say we have faith but too often fail to act upon it. What keeps us from doing the good things we want to do—Is it busyness, selfishness, or simply distractions of life? We may be like the apostle Paul who confessed: “And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can’t. I want to do what is good, but I don’t... it is sin living in me...” (Romans 7:18-20).

1. Why do we often fail to execute our plan (good intentions) of serving others in Jesus’ name?

Deep down, do you think you are too good to serve others? Read Jesus’ words in the following passages and discuss what you discover—

Luke 19:1-10

John 13:12-17

Mark 8:34-38

Dreams and visions are free, but actually accomplishing something big for God will cost you. Jesus tells us to ‘count the cost’ (see Luke 14:27-33). We may think we can’t serve because we are too busy, our lives are ‘spread too thin’ and our family schedules simply won’t allow it. But the truth is, obedience to God actually brings our family closer and redeems time in our lives.

2. We can talk about why we don’t serve, but what are the benefits of serving? What has blessed you in the past for doing something for someone else?

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