

I Will Serve A Noble Cause

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

We were made to serve a noble cause.

Romans 12:11 - *Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.*

Galatians 4:18 - *It is fine to be zealous, provided the purpose is good, and to be so always and not just when I am with you.*

Deadly Distractions:

There is a war going on right now for possession of your heart. You feel it every day in the ways you are pulled downward.

1 Peter 5:8 - *Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.*

Luke 12:15 - *Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."*

The Anatomy of a Noble Cause:

Love as our motivation.

Proverbs 3:3 - *Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.*

Mark 12:30 - *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.*

Freedom as our mission.

Luke 4:18 - *The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed.*

Freedom From (bondage and sin).

Freedom To (become the person who God had in mind when He created you).

Freedom Under (the Lordship, authority of Christ).

Feeding Your First Love

Psalms 42:1-2 - *As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?*

Matthew 5:6 - *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*

Psalms 119:103-105 - *How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.*