

DAILY DEVOTIONAL

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THERE'S A DIRECT CONNECTION BETWEEN GROWING AND SERVING.

But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

GALATIANS 5:13b

DAY 1

PRAY // Jesus gives us freedom from guilt, shame, and sin. We can have 100 percent confidence that He will love us and forgive us no matter what. Now, we might think this means we can do anything we feel like doing because, after all, God gave us freedom and will for sure forgive us. But living that way never leads us anywhere good or anywhere we're proud of. The truth is, we're supposed to use our freedom to serve others. Using our freedom this way will stretch and grow our faith because it goes against our natural desire to put ourselves first. However, it's this kind of living that leads us toward a life we're truly proud of and excited to live. Today, ask God for the faith to serve others—even when it'd be easier to focus on yourself.



“Be sure to fear the LORD and FAITHFULLY SERVE him. Think of all the WONDERFUL things he has done for you.”

1 SAMUEL 12:24

DAY 2

HEAR // It's amazing what can happen when we take a moment to think about all the great things God has done for us. This type of reflection can inspire us to serve Him more consistently and faithfully out of gratitude for how much He's already done. You see, sometimes we just need a little encouragement to remember that living for God and loving people is worth the sacrifice, inconvenience, and risk—and pausing to reflect for a moment can do that. Today, take a few minutes to reflect on the great things God has done in your life. When you take time to think about how good He's been to you, it reminds you that serving and following Him is always worth it.



“The
GREATEST
among you
must be a
SERVANT.”

MATTHEW 23:11

DAY 3

PRAY // Do you want to be great? Seriously . . . Do you hope that your life leaves an impact on the people around you? Well, Jesus actually had a pretty unique way for us to reach greatness. Instead of working hard to make a name for ourselves, He says we should serve other people. When we choose to serve those around us and put their needs before our own, God views that choice as greatness. This week, ask God to give you the faith to trust that serving actually leads to greatness. Then ask Him to show you a few moments today where you can serve—at home and at school. Look, this definitely isn't normal—but that's the point of greatness, isn't it?



God has given each
of you a gift from his
great variety of spiritual
gifts. **USE THEM WELL**
to serve one another.

1 PETER 4:10

DAY 4

LIVE // Did you know that God made you the way you are for a purpose? Your unique personality and gifts were given to you so that you could use them to help others. If you're a naturally encouraging person, you should encourage as many people as you can. If you're an incredible host, throw the best parties. If you're naturally a leader, then lead people well. Use your gifts to serve those around you. Incredible things can happen when you choose to use what God's given you for His purposes. This week, what's one way you can use of your gifts to help or build up others?



“For even the
Son of Man came not
to be served but
TO SERVE OTHERS.”

MATTHEW 20:28a

DAY 5

LIVE // The idea of God coming to Earth and then **SERVING** people when He got here sounds like a crazy movie plot. However, this is **EXACTLY** what Jesus (the Son of Man) did. Out of all the ways He could have treated the people He created, He chose to serve us. And now, if you're a Jesus-follower, you're supposed to strive to live the same way. When we choose to serve those around us, we become more and more like Jesus. Each day this week, find one practical way to serve your friends, classmates, and family. Choose to become more like Jesus by choosing to serve others.

