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WHY DO WE SERVE?

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In today's day and age, the word service is often understood in the context of a performed paid service, whether for a plumber's plumbing or the workshop mechanic's repairs. Meanwhile, in the

Christian circle, serving would mean involvement in a certain ministry or the mission field. Statistically, about three in ten adult Christians have a rather high level of congregational involvement, and about 50%

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 Psalm 32

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would have a moderate level of congregational involvement. As Christians, do we ponder why we serve? What would you say if someone asked you why you do what you do in church/ministry?

**"EVEN AS THE SON OF MAN
CAME NOT TO BE SERVED BUT
TO SERVE, AND TO GIVE HIS
LIFE AS A RANSOM FOR
MANY."**

Matthew 20:28 ESV

Matthew tells us that our Christian service is ultimately based upon the foundation of Christ Jesus. Serving is what Christ commands. Christ is the one who empowers our service and also the reason we serve, or else it becomes a personal effort (and dread perhaps). In our recent Lifegroup study, I learnt that those who serve out of fear of man or who try to earn God's approval are putting themselves under a curse. (Gal 3:10) Both are impossible tasks that lead to destruction rather than salvation. The only real path (the apostle) Paul sees is serving Christ in gratitude for what he's done.

Secondly, we as Christians are agents of God in daily life.



**"YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE
EARTH. BUT IF THE SALT LOSES
ITS SALTINESS, HOW CAN IT BE
MADE SALTY AGAIN? IT IS NO
LONGER GOOD FOR ANYTHING,
EXCEPT TO BE THROWN OUT AND
TRAMPLED UNDERFOOT. YOU ARE
THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. A
TOWN BUILT ON A HILL CANNOT
BE HIDDEN. NEITHER DO PEOPLE
LIGHT A LAMP AND PUT IT UNDER
A BOWL. INSTEAD, THEY PUT IT
ON ITS STAND, AND IT GIVES
LIGHT TO EVERYONE IN THE
HOUSE. IN THE SAME WAY, LET
YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE
OTHERS, THAT THEY MAY SEE
YOUR GOOD DEEDS AND GLORIFY
YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN."**

Matthew 5:13-16 NIV


As Christians, we represent God's kingdom, and our obedience in our serving contributes to the advancement of His kingdom. May it be actively in proclaiming the gospel of Christ or caring for others in congregational love. "Why you Christians always like that one/ do such things?" That is a phrase that I suspect a lot of us have heard over the years in our journey of faith. The actions we do and things we say convey a message to the world, and it paints a picture not just about each individual self, but also collectively for Christendom. Precisely because we are God's agents, we consider carefully the decisions we make, the way we treat people, the views we stand for, and the practices we carry out in life, for it reflects our values as Christians.

Lastly, realize that we are sent by God for our neighbors.

**"BUT IF ANYONE HAS THE
WORLD'S GOODS AND
SEES HIS BROTHER IN
NEED, YET CLOSSES HIS
HEART AGAINST HIM,
HOW DOES GOD'S LOVE
ABIDE IN HIM?"**

1 John 3:17 ESV





In our serving, we may very well be the instrument of faith to the needy. The care we show for believers and not-yet believers alike, as God's fellow creation, is one way of God caring for them through us. It could be buying a hungry person a hot meal, or shouldering some ministry tasks with a fellow believer, or still helping out in little ways we can with the life group, we are serving that person(s) in need and ultimately God. I think we can all agree that true Christian work (in church/ministry/ mission) shouldn't be shouldered by just the small elite few. Brethren, let's be faithful, be real and authentic in serving the Master.

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER ALMIGHTY, YOU HAVE SAID THAT THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL BUT THE WORKERS ARE FEW. I PRAY THAT THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH OF CHRIST WOULD HEED THE CALL TO BRING IN THE SPIRITUAL HARVEST OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE YET TO BE RECONCILED TO YOU. I PRAY FOR WILLING HEARTS TO EMBRACE THEIR CHRISTIAN DUTY OF LOVE AND LIFE OF SERVANTHOOD AS IT IS PLEASING UNTO YOU. FOR OUR LOCAL CHURCH, FIRST BAPTIST SUBANG JAYA, I PRAY THAT MORE AND MORE OF ITS MEMBERS WOULD STEP FORTH SACRIFICIALLY IN THE MANY AREAS OF MINISTRY THAT ARE CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS AND HELPERS. I PRAY THAT MEMBERS OF FBC WOULD NOT PUT THEIR COMFORT AND DREAMS ABOVE GOD'S GLORY AND THE PURPOSES OF THE BODY OF CHRIST. AS A BODY OF CHRIST, I ALSO WANT TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY SERVING AND UPHOLD THEM IN PRAYER. I PRAY FOR THEIR PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND SPIRITUAL WELL-BEING IN THE AREAS WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN FAITHFUL. I PRAY THAT YOU, O GOD, WOULD REFRESH THOSE WHO ARE WEARY AND GRANT THEM YOUR REST. SURELY WE TRUST O LORD THAT OUR LABOR AND PARTICIPATION IN THE KINGDOM'S GOSPEL SHALL NOT BE IN VAIN.

AMEN.



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PRAYER FOR HAVEN MINISTRY

- Pray for God to raise up faithful male volunteers who build relationships with the "doormen" through prayer, shared meals, and consistent investment in their lives.
- Pray for field workers to rest fully in God's will, surrendering personal agendas. May they be granted discernment—spiritual sight, sound, and sensitivity. Train their hearts in holy expectancy as they partner with God to reach those trapped in the sex trade.
- Pray for God to orchestrate connections within the Bangladeshi, Vietnamese, and Thai faith communities. May these believers come alongside HAVEN to provide systematic, creative follow-up (e.g., through WhatsApp or other platforms).
- Pray for God to reveal His blueprint for HAVEN's ministry—especially in awareness campaigns and intervention programs within churches.