THE CALL TO SERVE

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“You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountaintop cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”

- Matthew 5:13-16
“If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. **Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory**; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but everyone for those of others.”

– Philippians 2:1-4
“Stay where you are. **Find your own Calcutta.** Find the sick, the suffering, and the lonely right there where you are — in your own homes and in your own families, in your workplaces and in your schools. You can find Calcutta all over the world, if you have the eyes to see. Everywhere, wherever you go, you find people who are unwanted, unloved, uncared for, just rejected by society — completely forgotten, completely left alone.”

- Mother Teresa
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“For you were called for freedom, brothers. But do not use this freedom for the flesh; rather, serve one another through love. For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement, namely, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself’.”

– Galatians 5:13-14
“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.”

– 1 John 4:7-8
Christ has no body now, but yours.
No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which Christ looks compassion into the world.
Yours are the feet with which Christ walks to do good.
Yours are the hands with which Christ blesses the world.

Saint Teresa of Avila
The Ripple Effect
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“I am one, but I am only one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do. And by the grace of God, I will.”

– Edward Hale
GROUP QUESTIONS

1. When it comes to serving, what’s your personal “Calcutta”?

2. Is there something that you’ve felt called to help or volunteer with in the past? What kept you from getting involved?

3. Have you ever had a “God moment” when serving others?