The Hands and Feet of Jesus

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**Eight Days of Hope**

Eight Days of Hope is a Christian, nonprofit organization that exists to love and serve those in need.

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Use your gifts

* God has gifted you with varying gifts.
* Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. – 1 Peter 4:10
* Consider:
	+ What are your talents? What are your gifts?
	+ What are you doing with these talents?
* We want to use our gifts to show Jesus and His message.
	+ Our role as followers of Jesus to be a glimpse of who He is in us.
	+ We should use these gifts to love and serve people.
	+ Serving God by serving others is an expression of worship.
	+ When you serve people, people see Jesus.
	+ Live like Jesus
		- “Servant” is found in the bible > 1100 times
		- “…just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” - Matthew 20:28
* Working and serving are two different things.
	+ We don’t get to heaven by working or serving.
	+ Once we become a Christ follower, we are called to serve.
	+ Are people seeing Jesus in you the way you conduct your life and the way you’re loving and serving people in need?
* Why do we struggle to take a step of faith?
	+ We like to stay in comfort zone
	+ We wonder what will happen if we fail/don’t do well
* Consider those in the Bible who obeyed God and served:
	+ Noah built an ark at 600 years old.
	+ Moses asked God 3 times not to use him, and finally he said yes
	+ David served a nation by being brave and courageous.

Step out of your comfort zone

* It’s comfortable to be in our comfort zone – predictable, safe, known.
* If we want to make a difference with our lives and serve others, we must get comfortable being uncomfortable.
* We learn when we get uncomfortable
	+ When we lean on him and not our own understanding, we grow.
	+ When we serve, it connects us to the heart of God.

Ideas for serving

* Volunteer
* Mentor someone
* Knock on a neighbor’s door and ask to help with something

* Find an elderly couple, widow, single mom and help with something
	+ Mow lawn
	+ Grab groceries
	+ Watch their kids
* Pay it forward.

***God’s command is to love Him and love others. An act of service will connect you with the heart of God.***

***What you do with the gifts of God is a gift back to him.***

Resources

* *Surprise the World*: *The Five Habits of Highly Missional People -* Mike Frost
* *The Gospel Comes with a House Key* – Rosaria Butterfield
* *Loving Your Community* – Stephen Viars
* *Servolution* – Dino Rizzo