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You Don't Have To Do Everything

September Series: We Are The Church

Week Focus: Everybody Has a Part

Scripture – Romans 12:4–5 - *“For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”*

DEVOTIONAL REFLECTION

When you care deeply about God's work and the people around you, it can become easy to believe that every need you notice is a need you are personally responsible to meet. You see something that needs to be done, someone who needs help, or an opportunity that needs attention, and your instinct may be to step in. But Paul reminds us that the body has **“many members,”** and those members **“do not all have the same function.”** Everybody has a part—but nobody has every part. **You were created to contribute, not to carry the entire body by yourself.**

This is why faithful stewardship requires more than knowing when to say yes. It also requires wisdom to recognize what God has actually entrusted to you. Saying yes to everything can eventually leave us exhausted, distracted, and unable to give proper attention to the things God has genuinely placed in our hands. Sometimes we assume that because we *can* do something, we *should* do it. But ability does not automatically equal assignment. **Faithful stewardship does not mean saying yes to everything. It means saying yes to what God has actually entrusted to you.**

There is also humility in allowing other people to contribute. If we constantly step into every space, solve every problem, or carry every responsibility, we may unintentionally leave little room for someone else to use what God has placed in them. The body works because its members need one another. Your part matters, but so does theirs. Sometimes serving the body means stepping forward. At other times, it means making room for somebody else to step forward. **You cannot faithfully steward somebody else's grace, and they cannot faithfully steward yours.**

So don't measure your commitment to God by how exhausted you are. Jesus is the Savior; you are not. You do not have to meet every need, accept every opportunity, or carry every assignment. Ask instead, **“Lord, what have You actually entrusted to me in this season?”** Then give yourself faithfully to that. Serve with love. Maintain healthy boundaries. Celebrate the contribution of others. And rest in knowing that Christ remains the Head of His Church. **Everybody has a part—including you—but your part was never meant to be everybody's part.**

Focus for Today

Everybody has a part, but nobody has every part. Faithfulness means stewarding what God entrusted to you while making room for others to do the same.

Practice

- Review your current responsibilities and ask which ones God has genuinely entrusted to you.
 - Identify anything you may be carrying simply because you have difficulty saying no.
 - Before taking on something new, ask, “**Is this an opportunity I can meet, or an assignment God is actually giving me?**”
 - Make room for someone else to contribute instead of automatically doing everything yourself.
 - Thank God that the health of Christ’s body does not depend on you alone.
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Prayer

Lord, thank You that You have given me a meaningful part in Your body, but You have never asked me to be the whole body. Thank You for the different people, gifts, abilities, and expressions of grace You have placed throughout Your Church.

Give me wisdom to recognize what You have actually entrusted to me. Keep me from confusing busyness with faithfulness or exhaustion with obedience. When You call me to step forward, give me courage to say yes. When something is not mine to carry, give me humility and wisdom to release it without guilt.

Teach me also to value what You have placed in other people. Keep me from believing that everything must be done my way or through my hands. Help me celebrate when others serve, lead, give, encourage, create, teach, pray, and contribute. Let me make room for the grace You have placed in them.

Jesus, remind me that **You are the Head of the Church, not me.** I am not the source—You are. I am not the Savior—You are. I do not serve to prove my worth or earn Your love. **I am not saved by serving; I serve because You have saved me.** Help me faithfully carry my part, release what is not mine, and trust You with the whole body.

Use what You have entrusted to me **for Your glory alone.**

In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Reflection Question

Am I faithfully carrying the part God has entrusted to me, or have I been trying to carry responsibilities that He intended someone else to fulfill?