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SUNDAY REFLECTION — Everybody Has A Part

September Series: We Are The Church

Week Focus: Everybody Has a Part

Scripture – 1 Peter 4:10 - *“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”*

DEVOTIONAL REFLECTION

This week began with three simple but powerful words from Peter: **“Each of you.”** We were reminded that meaningful contribution in the body of Christ is not reserved for pastors, leaders, musicians, or people with visible positions. God has entrusted something to every believer that can become a blessing to someone else. What He has placed in your life may look different from what He has placed in someone else, but different does not mean deficient. **Everybody has a part.** The first step was learning to recognize what we have **received** instead of overlooking it, minimizing it, or comparing it with somebody else’s grace.

Then we moved from recognition to action. Peter does not simply tell us to appreciate what we have received; he tells us to **“use”** it. We discovered that knowing what God has given us is not the finish line. Faithful stewardship requires movement. Sometimes that means encouraging someone, praying, giving, teaching, organizing, listening, helping, showing compassion, or meeting a practical need. We also learned that faithfulness does not require visibility. **Don’t confuse visibility with value.** Some of the most meaningful contributions to Christ’s body happen quietly, consistently, and without applause.

As the week continued, our attention shifted from ourselves to others. Peter says we are to use what we have received **“to serve others.”** God’s grace comes to us, but it was never intended to stop with us. What He has entrusted to you can become an avenue through which another person experiences encouragement, care, generosity, wisdom, help, or love. At the same time, we learned that serving does not mean doing everything. **Everybody has a part, but nobody has every part.** Faithfulness means using what God has entrusted to you while also making room for the grace He has placed in others.

Now, as we close this week, the question is no longer simply, **“Do I have something to contribute?”** Scripture has answered that. The question is, **“Will I faithfully steward what God has entrusted to me?”** Remember that our service is always a response to grace. We do not serve to earn God’s love, prove our worth, or secure our place in His family. **We are not saved by serving; we serve because Christ has saved us.** Jesus gave Himself for us before we could ever give anything to Him. So we receive His grace, use what He has entrusted to us, and serve others—not for our recognition, but **for His glory alone.**

Focus for Today

God has entrusted something to you. Faithfulness means receiving it with gratitude, using it with obedience, and allowing it to serve others.

Practice

- Look back over this week and identify what God helped you recognize about your contribution.
- Ask yourself whether comparison still causes you to discount anything God has entrusted to you.
- Identify one way you actually **used** what God gave you this week rather than merely thinking about it.
- Consider who was strengthened, encouraged, helped, or served through your obedience.
- Commit to carrying this week's movement beyond this week: **RECEIVE** → **USE** → **SERVE**.

Prayer

Lord, thank You for everything You have shown me this week. Thank You for reminding me that I have a part in Your body and that what You have entrusted to me has purpose. Forgive me for the times I have discounted Your grace because I was comparing myself with someone else or believing that only visible contributions mattered.

Thank You for teaching me not only to recognize what I have received but to use it faithfully. Give me courage to continue taking steps of obedience, even when nobody sees them. Keep me from waiting for a platform, title, recognition, or perfect opportunity before I serve. Help me remain faithful with what You place within my reach.

Teach me to let Your grace flow through my life to others. Show me the people I can encourage, strengthen, help, serve, and love. At the same time, give me wisdom to remember that I do not have to do everything. Help me faithfully carry my part while honoring and making room for the contributions of others.

Most of all, Jesus, keep me rooted in what You have done for me. **I am not saved by serving; I serve because You have saved me.** Thank You for the cross. Thank You for Your resurrection. Thank You for grace I could never earn and love I could never deserve. Let everything You have placed in me become an instrument through which others encounter Your grace. I have a part. Help me faithfully live it.

For Your glory alone.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Reflection Question

After everything God has shown me this week, what has He entrusted to me—and what will faithful stewardship of it look like moving forward?