

Acts 8- Finish the Race

God will do more with one obedient heart than 1000 great minds who have a well articulated mission, vision and strategy with flawless execution.

So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. Ephesians 4:17

18 When they arrived, he said to them: "You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia. 19 I served the Lord with great humility and with tears and in the midst of severe testing by the plots of my Jewish opponents. 20 You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. 21 I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus. Acts 20:17-21

15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. John 13:15

We are people who "go", but we are equally people who "show up."

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Humble service to God cares only that Jesus gets the credit.

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If you are called to serve someone you are called to truly love them.

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 2 Timothy 3:17

We cannot just hold to the hard truths of the gospel without the humble service and emotional investment that are required.

We humbly serve and love with the purpose of sharing the life changing message of Jesus Christ.

Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! 1 Corinthians 9:16

37 When the people heard this (the Gospel), they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, Acts 2:37-38

8 Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. Luke 3:8.

Forgiveness in Christ should compel us to live holy lives and to love and serve others.

22 "And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. 23 I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. 24 However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace. Acts 20:22-24

7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4:7