

Game Plan Part 3: Red Zone

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SERVING:

*Allowing God to use your gifts,
your personality, your passions and your talents,
to love the person right in front of you.*

I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.'

(Matthew 25:34-36, New Living Translation 2nd Ed.)

Then [they replied], 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?'

(Matthew 25:37-39, NLT2)

I tell you the truth, when you [serve] one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were [serving] me!'

(Matthew 25:40, NLT2)

1. Serving requires a heart like Jesus'.

Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else.

(Mark 9:35, NLT2)

1) God's greatest servants serve behind the scenes.

There was a believer in Joppa named Tabitha. She was always doing kind things for others and helping the poor.

(Acts 9:36, NLT2)

2) A great servant is fully present and completely engaged with those they serve.

The eyes of the LORD search the whole earth [for] those whose hearts are fully committed to him. (2 Chronicles 16:9, NLT2)

- I will put my phone away.
- I will stop being too busy.

Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

(Matthew 14:13-14, NLT2)

- I will get out of my comfort zones.

This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

(Joshua 1:9, NLT2)

2. You can serve through your pain.

God comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

(2 Corinthians 1:4, English Standard Version)