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# **Our Journey: Why Service?**

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**Genesis 22:1–12 *The Message Bible***

**After all this, God tested Abraham. God said, “Abraham!” “Yes?” answered Abraham. “I’m listening.” He said, “Take your dear son Isaac whom you love and go to the land of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I’ll point out to you.”**





**Abraham got up early in the morning and saddled his donkey. He took two of his young servants and his son Isaac. He had split wood for the burnt offering. He set out for the place God had directed him. On the third day he looked up and saw the place in the distance. Abraham told his two young servants, "Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I are going over there to worship; then we'll come back to you." Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and gave it to Isaac his son to carry. He carried the flint and the knife. The two of them went off together.**



**Isaac said to Abraham his father, "Father?"  
"Yes, my son." "We have flint and wood, but  
where's the sheep for the burnt offering?"  
Abraham said, "Son, God will see to it that  
there's a sheep for the burnt offering." And they  
kept on walking together. They arrived at the  
place to which God had directed him. Abraham  
built an altar. He laid out the wood. Then he tied  
up Isaac and laid him on the wood. Abraham  
reached out and took the knife to kill his son.**



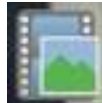


**Just then an angel of God called to him out of Heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Yes, I'm listening." "Don't lay a hand on that boy! Don't touch him! Now I know how fearlessly you fear God; you didn't hesitate to place your son, your dear son, on the altar for me."**



**Service – Putting the faith we profess into concrete action by joining in God's work in the world, both inside the wall of Bethany, and beyond.**





**HOW I PICTURE GOD'S  
EXPRESSION**

**WHEN I SAY SERVING MAKES ME  
UNCOMFORTABLE**

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### **Mark 10:42–45**


**So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”**






## **James 2:14–26**

**What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.**



**But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith apart from works is barren? Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works.**





Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says,  
“Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to  
him as righteousness,” and he was called the  
friend of God. You see that a person is justified  
by works and not by faith alone. Likewise, was  
not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works  
when she welcomed the messengers and sent  
them out by another road? For just as the body  
without the spirit is dead, so faith without works  
is also dead.



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Many people want to serve God,  
but only in an advisory position.







**Hebrews 10:24**

**And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds.**

SERVICE: *WHICH SERVICE AREAS INTEREST YOU AS WAYS TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE?*

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Bible tells me so!*







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