

July 9 Devotional: Making Room for Love

Scripture: 1 John 3:18

“Dear children, let’s not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.” — NLT
Today, our work shifts from painting and repairing to finishing and preparing.

We will put rooms back together. We will move furniture. We will clean up the evidence of our labor. We will make the space ready for graduation tomorrow. And while that may seem like ordinary work, 1 John reminds us that love is not only something we say. Love is something we do.

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This week, we have had the privilege of serving the Amaros and the community they love. We have patched walls, painted rooms, cleaned, sanded, moved, carried, and helped make a place more beautiful and useful. Today, as the rooms come back together, we get to see a small picture of what love does: love prepares a place for others.

Jesus prepared a place at the table. He prepared His disciples for mission. He prepared the way for us through His life, death, and resurrection. And now, in His name, we prepare a room where students, families, teachers, and leaders will gather to celebrate what God has done.

Tomorrow, there will be a graduation. There will be joy, gratitude, pictures, hugs, and celebration. People may not know every hand that helped make the room ready, but God knows. The Amaros know. And love does not need a spotlight to be real.

Today, let’s finish well. Let’s serve with patience when we are tired. Let’s notice the details. Let’s remember that every chair set in place, every floor swept, every wall finished, and every room restored is one more way of saying: “You are loved. You matter. We are glad to serve you.”

This is the kind of love John is talking about. Not love in words only, but love with hands, feet, paintbrushes, brooms, and willing hearts.

Reflection Questions

Where have I seen love put into action this week?

How can I serve with patience and joy as we finish the work today?

Who will be blessed by this room tomorrow, even if they never know my name?

Prayer

Lord Jesus,

Thank You for another day to serve. Thank You for the Amaros, for their ministry, and for the students and families who will gather here tomorrow. As we finish painting and put these rooms back together, help us to show Your love through our actions. Give us energy, patience, humility, and joy. May this space be filled with celebration, gratitude, and the presence of Your Spirit.

Let our work today become a quiet act of worship and a visible sign of Your love.
In Your name we pray, Amen.