

## 5-Day Devotional Guide: Serving Our Community BEYOND SERVE DAY

### Day 1: The Call to Serve

Scripture Reading:  
2 Corinthians 8:1-4

“And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches...”

Reflection:

Reflect on the example of the Macedonians. Despite their circumstances, they were eager to give and serve. How does God’s grace motivate us to serve others, even when we feel we have little to give?

Questions for Consideration:

1. What does serving look like in your life right now?
2. Are there areas where you can be more generous or supportive?

Prayer Prompt:

“Lord, help me to recognize your grace in my life. May it inspire me to seek out ways to serve others generously.”

### Day 2: Overcoming Obstacles

Scripture Reading:  
2 Corinthians 8:5-7

“And they exceeded our expectations; they gave themselves first of all to the Lord...”

Reflection:

The Macedonians overcame obstacles by first dedicating themselves to God. Think about what holds you back from serving. Is it fear, time constraints, or something else? How can commitment to God help you overcome these barriers?

Questions for Consideration:

1. What specific obstacles prevent you from serving?
2. How can your faith help you maneuver around these obstacles?

Prayer Prompt:

“God, reveal to me the obstacles in my heart. Strengthen my faith so I can serve others, trusting in Your provision.”

### **Day 3: Identifying Community Needs**

Scripture Reading:

Galatians 6:9-10

“Let us not become weary in doing good...”

Reflection:

Reflect on the concept of “doing good.” What needs do you see in your community? Identify at least one specific need that you can address. Serving begins with awareness and understanding.

Questions for Consideration:

1. What specific needs do you observe in your community?
2. How can you actively contribute to meeting one of these needs?

Prayer Prompt: “Lord, help me to see the needs around me more clearly. Open my heart to hear the cries of our community and inspire me to respond.”

### **Day 4: Taking Action**

Scripture Reading:

James 2:14-17

“Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.”

Reflection:

Service is an expression of our faith. Think about your specific action plans you developed in previous days. It's time to take a step forward. What actions can you take today to begin serving?

Questions for Consideration:

1. What specific action do you feel God is prompting you to take this week?
2. Who can you enlist to help you in this endeavor?

Prayer Prompt:

“God, empower me to take action. Give me courage and wisdom as I step forward to serve others in faith.”

### **Day 5: Sustaining a Heart of Service**

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 25:36-40

Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

Reflection:

Serving is not just a one-time act but a lifestyle. Reflect on how your service aligns with God's heart for the marginalized and needy. Consider ways you can integrate serving into your daily life beyond this week.

Questions for Consideration:

1. How can you cultivate a continuous heart for service?
2. What steps can you take to make serving others a regular part of your life?

Prayer Prompt: “Lord, help me to recognize that in serving others, I am serving You. Keep my heart open to opportunities to serve every day.”