



Heart for the LOST: MAKING IT EASY TO SERVE

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***Jesus gives us a heart for people. We serve God as we serve other people.
Servant hearts serve by looking outwards—looking to Jesus and the
needs around them.***

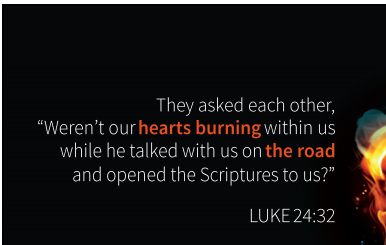


What does it take to get ahead in life?
What are you doing to get ahead?
What does it look like to get ahead of the pack?
How does having a heart for Jesus change how we think of getting ahead?



Welcome to our HEARTS on FIRE series.

Introduce who you are ...



We've seen ... that when we recognise Jesus... When we see who Jesus is our HEARTS BURN WITHIN US. Our Hearts are Set on Fire... for Jesus.

They asked each other, "Weren't our **hearts burning** within us while he talked with us on **the road** and opened the Scriptures to us?" LUKE 24:32



So far in our HEARTS on FIRE series... We've looked at our HEART FOR JESUS.

When we follow Jesus...

We walk a NEW ROAD with HIM, with the cross behind us and our future home in front of us; our hearts sing a NEW SONG all about JESUS – a song we will sing for eternity; we're brought into a NEW COMMUNITY... Gathered by Jesus... Gathered around Jesus. Shaped by the cross.

Our hearts are set on FIRE when we recognise who Jesus is and what he's done.



We've seen that having a heart for Jesus produces a heart that beats for lost people. Because Jesus has a heart for the lost.



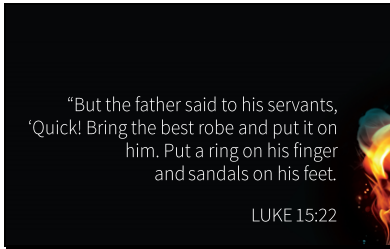
We've seen how that shapes us as a church – so a couple of weeks ago we thought about making it easier for people to connect with Jesus... We saw that in the story of the Prodigal son – the lost son – who was welcomed home by his father with great rejoicing. With a party. We're all about the lost being found... we're all about inviting the lost to come home...



Last week we wondered what life looked like for that lost son on the second day after he came home, and the next day... and we saw these days look the same as the first – the loving acceptance of the father is still there, and it's still there on the same basis – the Gospel – and that means for having a heart for the lost means having a heart for people to keep growing once they come home – to connect with our community and to have their hearts shaped by the cross of Jesus as we look forward to our new home together.

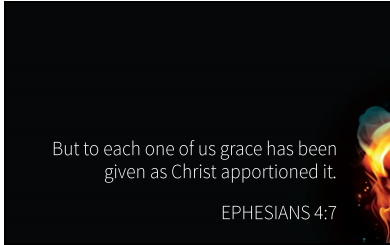


So what about when the son resumed the roll of a son in the family business? What about when he decided to get out there in the fields doing the work of his father? That's where we're at today, as we see how our heart for the lost prompts us to live and act, how it changes the way we use our gifts.



The ring on his finger means he's reclaimed in the family. Part of the family business... can sign cheques...

"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.'" LUKE 15:22



Do you realise we have been reclaimed in the family? Part of the family business? Gifted?

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. EPHESIANS 4:7

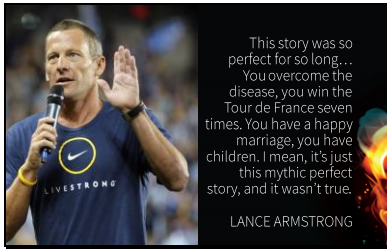


What does it look like to get ahead of the pack if your heart is shaped by Jesus?

How does having a heart for Jesus change how we think of getting ahead?



Lance Armstrong is someone who was prepared to do whatever he could to get ahead of the pack. Literally. Lance Armstrong – the seven time “winner” of the world’s biggest cycling race had his titles stripped when it came out that he was a massive drug cheat. Lance Armstrong was prepared to get ahead at all costs – he sued people who suggested he had taken drugs to win, he trampled former friends and team mates to protect his reputation. He did everything he could to be in control. To climb the mountain the fastest. To get ahead.



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He did everything he could to build the perfect life for himself. To use his gifts to achieve success. To be the man... "This story was so perfect for so long... You overcome the disease, you win the Tour de France seven times. You have a happy marriage, you have children. I mean, it's just this mythic perfect story, and it wasn't true." LANCE ARMSTRONG



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For Lance Armstrong, getting ahead meant being in control. It meant burning people. It meant cheating to get the result he wanted... "I was used to controlling everything in my life. I controlled every outcome in my life." LANCE ARMSTRONG



But what about for you? What does it look like to get ahead in life?

Does it involve leaving the pack behind. Or, worse, trampling them as you push ahead...

Our world thinks that getting ahead either comes at the cost of others – comes through cutting corners or cheating in a way that leaves others in your wake – or it means hard work. Using your gifts well – using your gifts to serve your agenda.

Malcolm Gladwell, a journalist, studied stories of success in our world and concluded that success usually costs about 10,000 hours of your time.

Getting ahead means investing your life into something. It means learning to use the gifts you have at your disposal...

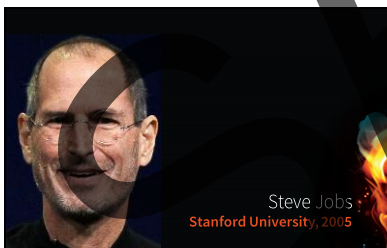


For many people – that means growing up hearing that university is where it's at – university is where you learn to get ahead.

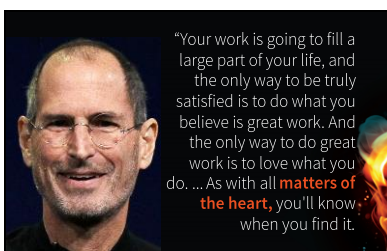
That was what I believed, until I got there – and I figured out that nobody really had any idea how to get ahead. Nobody had the answers – not the staff, not the other students.

But the university still occupies an important place in our world when it comes to the question of how to get ahead – many of our world's most successful people are university drop outs. Mark Zuckerberg. Bill Gates. Walt Disney. And perhaps my favourite of all... Steve Jobs.

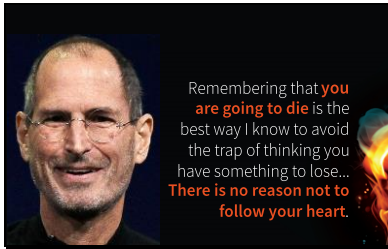
While university might not be all it's cracked up to be – successful people often come back to university graduations to encourage people to get ahead in life the right way... To subvert the story that we're told about the importance of the university and to point people to the importance of something far closer to our experience – the importance of following your heart, and the importance of choosing what God you will serve. Where you will invest your energy. What you will worship.



And so, in 2005, Steve Jobs was invited to speak to students graduating from Stanford University, it's a speech made famous because it expresses Steve Jobs' philosophy for getting ahead in life. For making the most of your gifts...



He says... “Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do. ... As with all **matters of the heart**, you'll know when you find it.” STEVE JOBS



And then he says something truly profound...

“Remembering that **you are going to die** is the best way I know to avoid the trap of thinking you have something to lose... **There is no reason not to follow your heart.**” STEVE JOBS

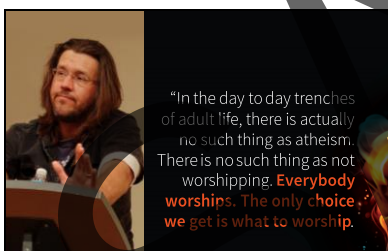


For Steve Jobs the key to getting ahead in life is picking something you love and investing yourself in it whole heartedly, paying the cost gladly and knowing that you don't want to die wondering - For me, for a long time, that was being a journalist - I so desperately wanted to use my gifts - writing, to make a name for myself, to open the right doors - the doors to sporting events - that was how I wanted to get ahead. That was what I wanted to invest myself in.



One of my favourite writers was a guy named David Foster Wallace, he was also invited to speak to a bunch of university graduates in 2005...

David Foster Wallace
Kenyon College, 2005

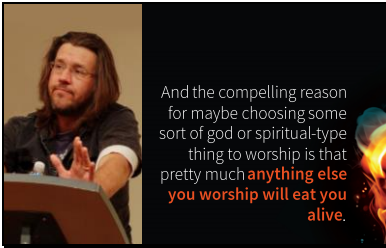


Here are some of his profound insights into what it looks like to get ahead...“In the day to day trenches of adult life, there is actually no such thing as atheism. There is no such thing as not worshipping. **Everybody worships. The only choice we get is what to worship.**” DAVID FOSTER WALLACE

The word worship - it's a word that means serve... Everybody serves. We all serve something in our lives. What are you serving? What are you serving in the hope that it will help you get ahead?



Lance Armstrong chose to worship victory. At all costs.

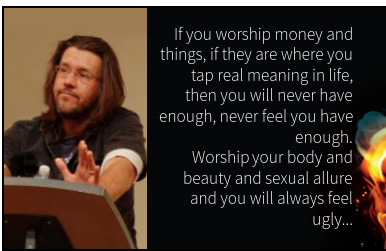


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But worshipping – which is another word for serving – always comes at a price. And David Foster Wallace – a non-Christian – recognised that worshipping the wrong thing had horrible outcomes... “And the compelling reason for maybe choosing some sort of god or spiritual-type thing to worship is that pretty much **anything else you worship will eat you alive.**”

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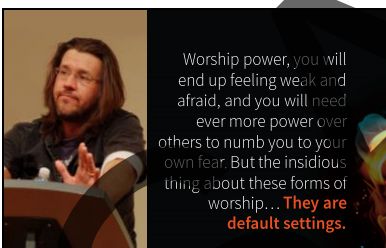
He tells us what this being eaten alive by our gods looks like...



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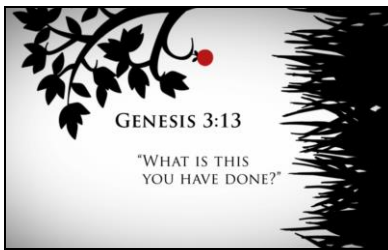
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Money. Sex. Power – these are basically the three things that attracted the lost son to the bright lights of the big city – where he squandered the gifts his father had given him and ended up broke and broken, alone, and eating with the pigs. The truly profound thing that David Foster Wallace recognised about the lies our world tells us about success is that they’ve slipped into the system itself – they’ve become hard wired. We’re hard wired to love and serve these destructive things that consume us. Humanity, by default, since the first humans rejected God – wishing he was dead – worships the wrong stuff by default. And that is costly – because worshipping the wrong stuff is soul destroying.



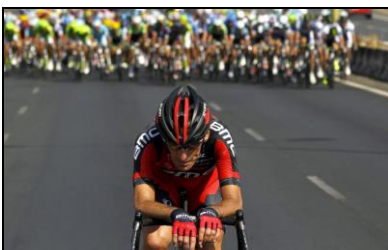
It's what Adam did. It's what the Prodigal son did to his dad. It's what we do to God.

GENESIS 3:13, "WHAT IS THIS YOU HAVE DONE?"



It's why Lance was prepared to do anything to control his life – his narrative – with himself at the centre.

He was being eaten alive by his slavery to his own success. His own myth.



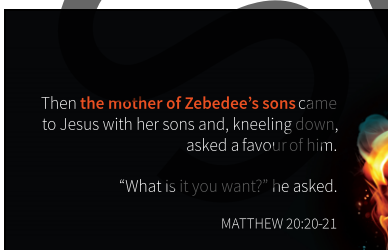
But what about you. What are you serving? What is the cost – who are you leaving behind as you pursue your goals. Your agenda. With YOUR gifts?



What does all this look like if you've got a heart that beats for Jesus? What does Jesus have to say about getting ahead – in his world, where he is king?

How does Jesus transform what it looks like to get ahead?

We have a story that tells us exactly how Jesus transforms what it looks like to get ahead – it's a story featuring two of Jesus' disciples, and their mother... who comes to Jesus with a request.



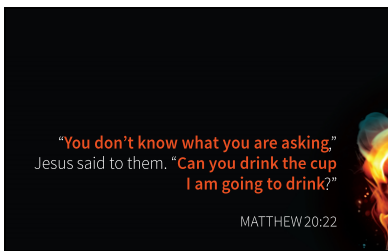
Then **the mother of Zebedee's sons** came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favour of him. "What is it you want?" he asked. MATT 20:20-21

Their mother? Seriously guys? They're obviously in on this – they're right there with her – I was always embarrassed as a kid if my parents went in to bat for me, even if I was in trouble – rightly... I can't imagine how I would have felt if my mum went up to my CEO at work, or to my college principal, or to Steve, and said "can you make Nathan important"...



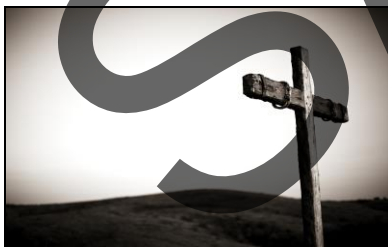
She asks if her little boys – James and John - can share in the glory when Jesus becomes important. When he takes centre stage. Kings in Rome were a big deal – they were given great honour – and just sitting next to the king – who'd sit front and centre, wherever he went – including the theatre – just sitting next to the king would be a boost to your own standing.

So this request from the mother of James and John is her asking for her sons to get ahead. To become important. She's trying to secure the good seats next to Jesus when he wins. Trying to ride his coat tails. Trying to boost their status. This is a grab for power...



And Jesus challenges the assumptions James, John, and their mum have about what his coming into his kingdom is going to look like... He tells them they've got it all wrong... **“You don't know what you are asking,”** Jesus said to them. **“Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?”** MATTHEW 20:22

This cup that he's talking about isn't some random answer to the question they've asked. He's talking about that moment when he takes his throne. That moment when he turns the idea of getting ahead completely upside down...



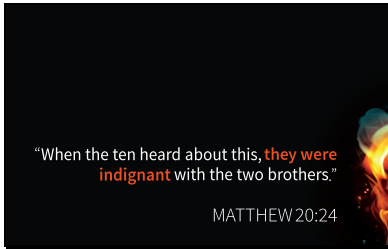
He's talking about the cross.

He is talking about where he's going – he's talking about the nature of his kingdom.

They've profoundly misunderstood what Jesus is on about. What being a follower of Jesus is all about.

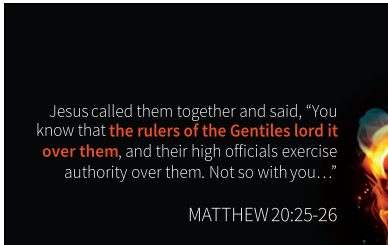


Jesus says picking the places next to him when he takes the throne isn't up to him...



The other disciples get angry at James and John – but it's not because they think their mum was asking the wrong question – it's because they didn't ask it first. It's because they don't want to miss out.

“When the ten heard about this, **they were indignant** with the two brothers.” MATTHEW 20:24



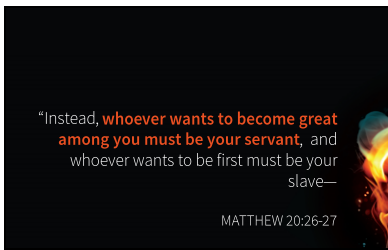
Jesus tells them that getting ahead when it comes to following him looks nothing like what it looks like in the world of kings and rulers. He's turning the world upside down... Jesus called them together and said, “You know that **the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them**, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you...” MATTHEW 20:25-26



He's turning the idea of authority upside down. And he does it using the most unlikely tool – a tool the rulers and authorities of his day used to humiliate and crush people who claimed power for themselves.

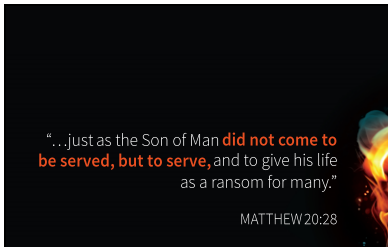
Jesus takes this tool that was meant to show how powerful the rulers of the world were, and he makes it a symbol of getting ahead for those who would serve God.

He is completely and utterly subverting the worldly idea of getting ahead – the idea that it comes at the cost of others, the idea that it involves grasping for power... he tells the disciples that if they want to be great – if they want to get ahead – their values need to be turned upside down by the cross.

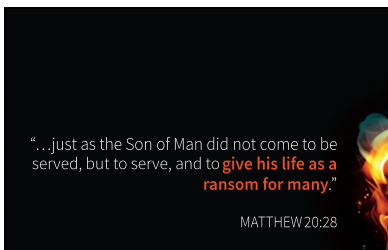


Here's what he says about becoming great. About getting ahead. About following in his footsteps... and sharing in his glory.

"Instead, **whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant**, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave..." MATTHEW 20:26-27



"...just as the Son of Man **did not come to be served, but to serve**, and to give his life as a ransom for many." MATTHEW 20:28



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We serve because Jesus first served us – by giving up his life for us – to claim us, and to invite us home.



We serve because our heart beats for Jesus.

We serve because our heart has been reshaped by him as he served us by giving up his life for us.

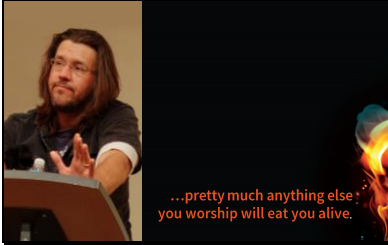
Giving up the infinite power he held in his hands to die for us. Inviting us home through his death... The cross reshapes what it means to get ahead – we can't possibly get ahead by building our own empire, by trying to control our empire – by following our own hearts – we get ahead when our heart beats in time with the one who spoke the world into being.

We get ahead when we too are prepared to serve like Jesus served.

Not just with what we think are our gifts – and not just in the way we want to serve – but with our lives...



The way we serve others, as followers of Jesus, is utterly shaped by the cross. Where Jesus dies so that we can live. Where he offers his death in exchange for our life – as an act of love.



David Foster Wallace was right to warn people about the harm worshipping the wrong thing will do – the things we worship – outside of the cross – will end up consuming us...

“...pretty much anything else you worship will eat you alive.” DAVID FOSTER WALLACE



Jesus won't eat you alive – in fact, he tasted death for you. He took your death. Jesus doesn't consume us and leave us as hollow shells shaped by the stuff we serve and pursue, he consumes our brokenness and restores our hearts, leaving us whole. Restoring us to life.

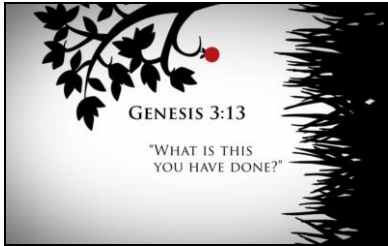
See – as wise and perceptive as Steve Jobs and David Foster Wallace were when it came to seeing through the lies our world tells us about getting ahead – that perception didn't really take them anywhere different to everyone else. They were just as trapped in this broken world, just as trapped longing for something different. Something better. And they both died.



Steve Jobs lost a long battle with cancer – that horrible corruption of the human body that is one of the results of a broken world.



David Foster Wallace lost his life long battle with depression – another equally horrible product of a world full of brokenness and death.



A world that has been falling apart since our default switched from following God, to trying to be God. From serving God to serving ourselves by building replacement gods – just like the Prodigal Son – chasing sex, money, power, or trying to control our own little world, where we sit at the centre.

GENESIS 3:13, “WHAT IS THIS YOU HAVE DONE?”



Jesus offers us a way out of the default – the default that leads us in one direction. To death. His death offers us an invitation to be completely forgiven. To be completely restored. To be rewired. To have our default setting changed by the Holy Spirit as we are given new hearts. When we are made new by the cross of Jesus, we no longer serve things that will destroy us by default. We serve the one who gives life.



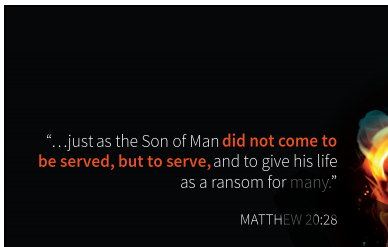
Our hearts stop beating their way towards death, every second, every heart beat – and they start beating to a new beat, a beat that will go on forever... as we head towards our new home.



It's this new future bought for us through the cross, this new home, and this new heart that connects us to Jesus and to each other.

It's the cross, this new future, new home, and new heart, that transforms us now as we grow to be more like Jesus – as we reclaim the family likeness for ourselves, coming back home, reconnecting with our father.

It's the cross, this new future, new home, and new heart that shapes the way we take part in our new family – and changes how we think about getting ahead – serving like Jesus served.

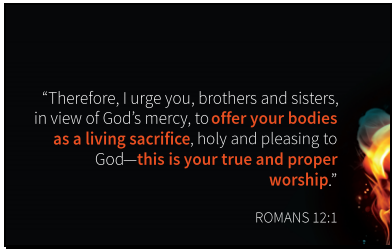


So what does it look like to participate in the world as someone who isn't there to be served – to claim the important spots – to get ahead at the expense of others... but to serve... to serve like Jesus served.

“...just as the Son of Man **did not come to be served, but to serve**, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” MATTHEW 20:28

What does it look like to be the lost child who comes home to take part in the family business?

Paul writes a couple of letters to a couple of churches explaining exactly what it looks like.



He writes to the Romans, to tell them how having their lives shaped by the cross will change everything... it will change how they worship – it'll change how they think about “serving”... What does it look like to live like Jesus? What does it look like to serve like Jesus? What does it look like for your serving to be shaped by the cross? What does this do to our ideas about getting ahead?

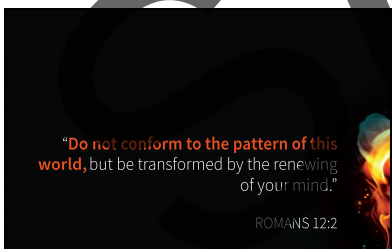
It looks like this...“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to **offer your bodies as a living sacrifice**, holy and pleasing to God—**this is your true and proper worship.**” ROMANS 12:1

It looks like thinking of yourself as a living sacrifice. Just like Jesus did. It means having a desire to sacrifice yourself for others. This is your act of service.



It's an approach to serving shaped by the cross – the cross which turned how we think of the world upside down. Completely. The cross which subverts what it looks like to get ahead. That stops us pursuing our own importance and turns us into servants.

The cross changes everything.



It turns us away from how the world thinks and operates – the default.

“**Do not conform to the pattern of this world**, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” ROM 12:2

It transforms us.

"For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, **so in Christ we, though many, form one body**, and each member belongs to all the others."

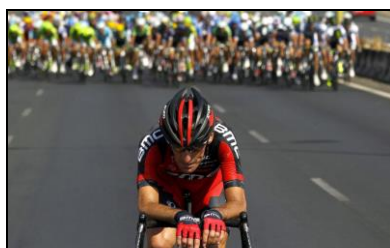
ROMANS 12:4-5



It completely changes the way we think about other people – it challenges us to think about how we can work together with others, rather than getting ahead at their expense.

“For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, **so in Christ we, though many, form one body**, and each member belongs to all the others.” ROMANS 12:4-5

Now as a child of the 80s and 90s I have some examples from popular culture to draw on at this point...Thinking this way – thinking of our new community as one body, a body that exists to reach out to the lost, radically changes how we think about using our gifts and how we think about getting ahead.

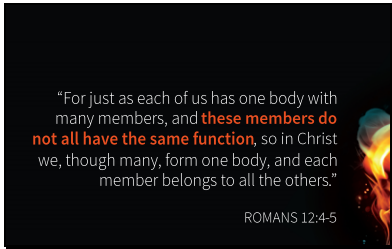


Getting ahead is not about you – it's not about you choosing who you serve, or how you serve. It's about the body. It's about others. Paul says each member of the body belongs to all the others... we're in this together. For each other.



The Christian life isn't about getting ahead. It's a team pursuit.

That's a cycling joke. It's what this event is called – it's an event where a bunch of cyclists work as one. The team finishes together. The team works to share the load. Each member of the team has a job. And they do it.

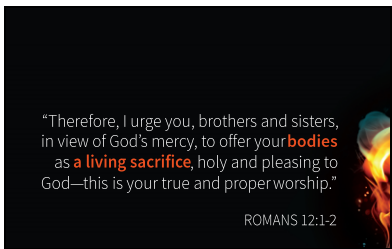


That's the picture Paul paints of the church. A team working together. Getting ahead together. Getting ahead through sacrifice.

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This is what it looks like when the cross transforms the way we think about getting ahead. It's what it looks like when the cross shapes how we serve God and serve each other.



For Paul, taking up the cross of Jesus means taking many bodies – notice the plural – and turning them into one sacrifice. We serve together.

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We serve as one.



We serve with our eyes on the finish line.



The thing about the way the world approaches getting ahead is that it's all about using your gifts to serve yourself, doing something that YOU LOVE. Remember what Steve Jobs said – following your heart, the Steve Jobs way, is about finding what makes you tick.

Jesus turns this idea on its head. When you follow Jesus you share a heartbeat with others who share the same Holy Spirit.

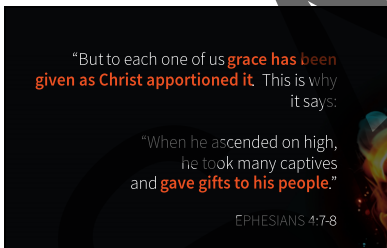


Getting ahead when your heart is burning for Jesus isn't about how you use YOUR gifts.

It's about being a gift to others.

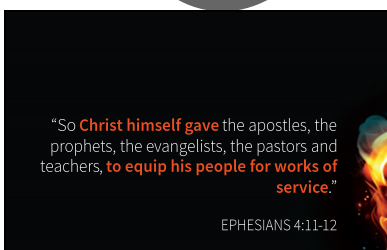
It's not about going to university to be trained for a career YOU LOVE.

That will define your future – it's about your role being given to you by God, poured out for others. It's about your gifts being something God gives you to pour out for others. Your gifts are not yours at all. That's what Paul says in the passage READER read for us earlier.

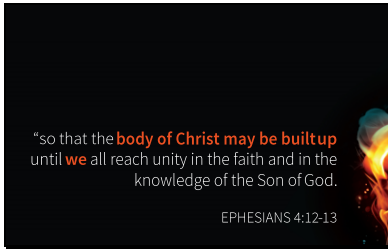


Our gifts are from God. Our functions are given by God.

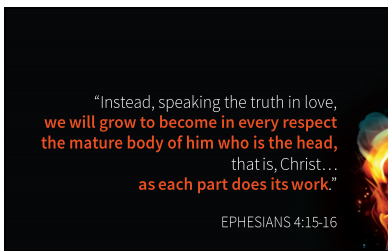
“But to each one of us **grace has been given as Christ apportioned it**. This is why it says: “When he ascended on high, he took many captives and **gave gifts to his people**.” EPHESIANS 4:7-8



“So **Christ himself gave** the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, **to equip his people for works of service**.” EPHESIANS 4:11-12



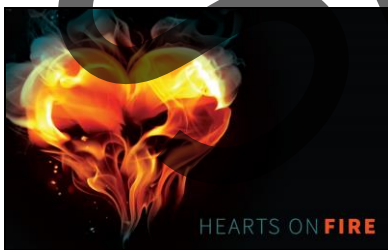
Why? What are these acts of service about? They're about making other people – other people who become part of the God's family – more like Jesus. Paul uses the same mix of singular "body" with the plural "we" when he's talking about what the point of our gifts is... "so that the **body of Christ may be built up** until **we** all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God. EPHESIANS 4:12-13 We are growing to become more like Christ. We are growing to serve like he served.



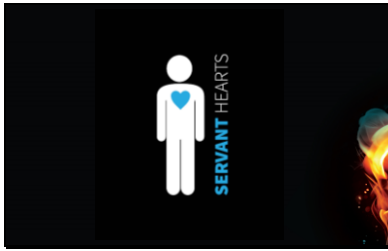
"Instead, speaking the truth in love, **we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head**, that is, Christ... **as each part does its work.**" EPH 4:15-16 We grow – we all grow – through people serving the body. Getting ahead in the Christian life means living with Christ as our head – following his model of service.



Being a mature Christian means serving like Jesus. Jesus - who demonstrated his maturity – who achieved his purposes – at the cross. Where he served. Where he gave his life up as a ransom for many. Jesus grew up to die as an act of service.



What does all this mean for us as a church? What will a church look like that is shaped by the cross – what will a church full of people functioning as one body, with one heartbeat, look like here? In Brisbane?



Hearts that are on fire for Jesus, that beat for the lost, are servant hearts.

Impossible Application: It is impossible for us to think that serving in the church is like serving in the world. It is impossible for us to think about life in the church in terms of getting ahead by using OUR gifts to do OUR OWN ministry. That's why at Creek Road we turn the idea of serving on its head. It's why we don't choose the way we serve by ourselves. It's why we have a pathway and a process that subverts the world's model of getting ahead by serving.



Serving at church isn't an individual thing. It's not about you. It's not a race to the finish line for an individual.



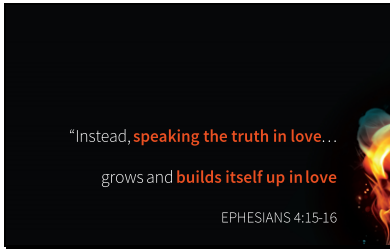
There's no room for approaching serving at church like Lance Armstrong approached cycling.

We need to break the idea that the way we serve is OUR ministry, and think about serving in terms of the needs of the body, and where we can fit.



Serving is not about us. It's about others. That's why, at Creek Road, we match people with needs, not people with jobs they want to do... this is us applying the cross to how we think about serving each other.

We want to get to the finish line together. We want to use the gifts given to us by God – and rely on God to provide the gifts people need to do the jobs the body needs done.



This is how we love each other – we love each other by being willing to sacrifice what we think is OUR ministry in order to minister to the body. To grow it and build it up in love.

“Instead, **speaking the truth in love**...grows and **builds itself up in love**. EPHESIANS 4:15-16



Our pathway helps us subvert the values of the world – it helps us avoid falling into the trap of making church about the individual. It is designed to help us sacrifice OUR own desires for the sake of others. We want people to develop servant hearts as they understand the Gospel – we want servant hearts to lead to serving hands...

A Possible Application: It may be that you walk away from today really keen to serve here at Creek Road, but you don't know how to start...

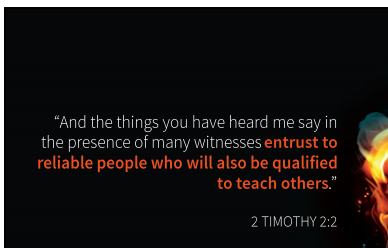


The first step on this pathway is to join the City, if you haven't already – when you're on the city you'll get a sense of what is happening in the life of our church and where needs are, but it's also the first step towards connecting with us, through a connect course – where we'll look in more depth at how our approach to growing and serving is shaped by the cross.

The next step is joining a Growth Group – where you will be encouraged as you relate with other people, and hear how they are loving and serving the body, growing it in love.



It's your Growth Group leader who'll arrange for you to chat with our Serve Team, when they think you are ready to serve... And our serve team will talk to you, and get a sense of your gifts, and will match those gifts with a need – you won't always end up serving the way you thought you would. There are people in kids teams who never expected to end up in kids ministry, there are people serving in ways that make them uncomfortable, in ways they never thought possible – people serving the body through servant hearts. **CHARACTER



Our hope is that the way we approach serving at Creek Road will help us to equip new members of the body as they connect with us, and as they grow up through what we call our vertical pathway – from kids church, through Creek Road Youth, and then when they become adults – we want to be passing the truth about Jesus on from person to person, generation by generation – because that's important for the church. That's why Paul wrote to Timothy – to make sure new generations of people were being raised up.

“And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses **entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.**”

2 TIMOTHY 2:2

So that's why Training is a big part of the picture when it comes to serve.



You're going to be seeing this picture a lot more in the next 12 months as we develop new training material to help people as they develop servant hearts, hearts that beat for Jesus.



We want to be a church that entrusts reliable people to teach others – and we want to play our part in equipping others by constantly focusing on the cross of Jesus and letting it shape how we serve each other. It's our message and our method.

Can't be confined to certain activities...Serve... from character, according to needs... not just gifts ...Serve from the HEART...Serve in WORKPLACE, HOME...Serve in all RELATIONSHIPS...

It's impossible, understanding the cross – and connecting with Jesus through it - to walk away from here today thinking about how you might get ahead. It's impossible to truly understand the cross, and what is offered there, and to walk away worshipping something else that will consume you. That will eat you alive. Everything else you worship results in death. Remembering he was going to die shaped Steve Jobs' approach to life. How much more should remembering that we are going to live shape ours? How much more will our life be shaped by following our heart – a heart captured by Jesus. A heart shaped by the cross.



How much more should our life be shaped by remembering the cross, and remembering the eternal home we have? An eternal home where we'll be together with God, and together with each other – this body of people whose love for each other is shaped by Jesus' love for us...

Remembering that you are going to live, because Jesus laid down his life for you is the best way of remembering that you live to serve and worship the God who will not consume you but restores and wakes your heart to life.