

SERVING AT THE ARK

(The Push for 3)

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

- Defined by what we don't do (***Titus 2:11-14 NLT***)
 1. We say no to living in ways that don't honor God
- Also defined by what we do
 1. Living with an expectation of Jesus' return
 2. Totally committed to doing good

PETER'S FIRST AMAZING ENCOUNTER WITH THE LORD (***Luke 5:1-11 NKJV***)

- Jesus had a need, Peter was the answer
 1. People were pressing against Him
 2. Jesus asked Peter to help - He did not command or beg
 3. By holding the boat, Peter helped Jesus get the message out
- Peter had plenty of reasons not to get involved
 1. He was busy working - he was tired and had just worked all night
 2. Helping was not convenient - Jesus probably taught for more than 30 minutes
 3. Peter was not the most spiritual guy - plus he just had a bad night
 4. This was not really a status job
- Peter's service opened a door to the Lord
 1. After helping Jesus, he was given a word
 2. Peter took a step of faith and was blessed above his ability
 3. Peter's willingness to help and willingness to obey changed his life

SERVING THE LORD HERE AT THE ARK

- Jesus has a need, you are the answer
 1. The Lord still uses people to get His message out
 2. Whatever you do, do it for Him (***Ephesians 6:5-8***)
- There will always be reasons to not serve
 1. Too busy, too tired, too sad, too unspiritual
 2. Not in a good space, not fit my personality profile, not enough status, not my passion
 3. The good news: He will help you overcome the too's and the not's (***1 Corinthians 15:57-58 NLT***)
- Serving opens the door to more of God in your life
 1. God does not forget what you do for Him (***Hebrews 6:10 NLT***)
 2. Serving the Lord helps Him - helps others, and helps you