

CENTERED

A FAITH LIVED OUT

Order of Service | April 21-22, 2018

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A Life of Significance

A **Centered** life is one that is balanced and solid.

The dimensions of a **Centered** life:

- A **Centered** life is one that strives for Holiness.
- A **Centered** life is one motivated by Love for God and Love for others.

A Centered life is a life lived for eternal significance, which comes through service.

Your attitude must be like my own, for I, the Messiah, did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give my life as a ransom for many."

Matthew 20:28 (TLB)

*For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do **the good things** he planned for us long ago. **Eph. 2:10 (NLT)***

*Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free. **Ephesians 6:7-8 (NIV)***

Five Blessings of a Life **Centered** by Service...

1. It builds my intimacy with God.

Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me." "...When did we ever see you sick or in

prison and visit you?" And the King will say, "I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!" **Matthew 25:34-36, 39-40 (NLT)**

2. It brings true meaning, significance, and joy to my life.

...Only those who throw away their lives for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will ever know what it means to really live. **Mark 8:35 (TLB)**

3. It breaks me free from the brokenness of the world.

Jesus told him, "If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." **Matthew 19:21 (NLT)**

4. It brings heaven to earth.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. (God's plan) Give us today our daily bread. (God's provision, to carry out His plan, through us) **Matthew 6:10-11 (NIV)**

So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us... **2 Corinthians 5:20 (NLT)**

5. It brings Christ into the lives of those who need Him most.

...Yes, whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so that he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him.

1 Corinthians 9:22 (TLB)

Going deeper on your own. With your Bible, pen, and paper in hand start by praying and asking God to speak to you as you read His Word. Open your Bible and read John 13:1-17 very slowly and out loud. Read it five times and take notes of thoughts that really jump out at you. Now answer the following questions: Why do you think Jesus washed the disciples' feet? What was Peter's issue in having Jesus wash his feet? What was Jesus' response? Knowing this was the last act of ministry Jesus would do before His death, what was He teaching His closest friends? What would you say is the biggest challenge we face in serving others? What fears do you have when thinking about actually serving others who may need help (write them down)? Now read the last verse. What is Christ's promise to those who serve like He served? Intentionally pray this week, asking our Lord to use you. As He prompts you, do it. Write Pastor Jay at jay@centerpointchurch.com and tell him your story.