

40 Days of Prayer & Devotion to Easter

Day 35

I work with the middle school ministry here at the church and just recently, one of the middle school students from the church gave me a box of cookies, totally unprompted. The cookies were delicious, but just the act of giving me this gift made my day. And I believe that what happened there really captures the heart of what this verse means.

As the people of God, we are commanded and called to live out our days seeking out the good of others, even if it might come at some cost to us. It took time, money, and resources to make those cookies, but it also took humility. It takes humility to believe that our own personal time, money, and resources aren't primarily used for our own benefit, but for the benefit of others.

The greatest example that we have of this kind of humility is found in Jesus Christ: the very Son of God, who stepped down from heaven onto earth and lived a life just like you and I. He then died for our sins and rose again from the dead so that we might have life, too. Jesus is our greatest example of what humility is and what a life lived for others ought to look like.

In light of this, how can you live outward today just as Jesus has lived for you? My challenge to you all is to ask yourselves who in your life you can encourage and love on. Whether it be a family member, or a friend, a co-worker, or a neighbor, think of someone you can serve today. And then, take action and do it.

So, church family, let us all live for a cause that is greater than ourselves today. This act of service doesn't have to be extravagant or costly, but I can promise you that it will be effective. Make some cookies for a neighbor, make a call to a friend who's going through a difficult time, or simply text a co-worker and ask how you can pray for them. I pray that all of you are loving on the people in front of you well, and that you see that in doing so, you'll be honoring and loving the God who has loved you first.

– Pastoral Intern Logan Pope

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

– *Philippians 2:4*

