

1/27/2019

Set Free to Serve

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But be sure to fear the Lord and faithfully serve him. Think of all the wonderful things he has done for you.—1 Samuel 12:24

The great master artist Michelangelo once explained his creative process this way: “I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free.” Michelangelo could look at a slate of stone and see what would come from it.

God looks at us and says, “I know what you can be. You don’t know it yet, but I know. I know what I can make you into. You’ll be a mighty man of God. You’ll be a mighty woman of God.”

It seems as though God goes out of His way to choose the most unexpected people. When God wanted to reach the people of Nineveh, He chose Jonah. Jonah, however, hated the Ninevites. He wanted God to kill them. So God effectively said, “Jonah, you’re the perfect guy to go preach to the Ninevites.” Jonah eventually obeyed God, and a great revival broke out.

When God was looking for a courageous man to free Israel from the oppression of the Midianites, He chose Gideon. Interestingly, Gideon happened to be hiding from the Midianites when an angel appeared to him and said, “Mighty hero, the Lord is with you!” (Judges 6:12 NLT). I think Gideon may have looked around and thought, “Is there another Gideon here?” If there’s anything Gideon was not at that moment, it was a mighty hero.

God doesn’t see us for what we are; He sees us for what we can become. He sees potential. God has a plan for each of us. He has given each of us gifts and talents and abilities and resources to use for His glory. But all too often, many of us are not doing that. And why aren’t we? We offer up excuses, never reasons. There is no good reason for us not to serve the Lord.

News and Notes

- Thank you to all who volunteered at the last soup kitchen. The next soup kitchen will be Friday, February 22 at 5:30 pm here at the building.
- If you have a prayer request you would like added please fill out the prayer request card in the pocket of the seat in front of you or email prayer@scottsbuffchurchofchrist.org.

Birthdays

Gerrie Fleenor 01/09 Wanda Middleswarth 01/12

If you birthday has been inadvertently left off this list please let Shannon know.

Those Serving

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Opening Prayer
Song Leader
Scripture Reader
Closing Prayer
Devotion:

Jim
Tom
Jonathan
Gary
Tom

Announcements: Shane

Table: West Tom
Center Shane
East Jay
Preacher: Chris
Song Leader: Chris

2/3/2019

Opening Prayer
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