



The Last Place We Would Look

Romans 12:4-13 (NIV)

Getting unstuck hinges on you being willing to serve others.

1. Serving is sacrificial.

Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV)

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

- Service is a sacrificial act of love motivated by Christ's sacrificial love for you.

John 13:35 (NIV)

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

2. Service must be targeted.

- You can't fully love God and not love the body.
- You can't fully serve God and not serve the body.
- You belong to Christ and to a local body of believers.
- An impression always needs a tangible expression.

- Serving your group in a local body becomes your target.
- Serving the body is a tangible way to love and worship God.

Galatians 6:10 (NIV)

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

3. Service is a gateway to freedom.

- Focusing on yourself will guarantee your destruction.

Galatians 5:13 (NIV)

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

4. Service comes with an eternal reward.

Matthew 10:42 (NIV)

And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."

- Most acts of service will be initially unrewarded.
- Remember that in this life when we serve we will usually be treated like a servant.