



Home Away From Home
Simple Service (Isaiah 58:1-12)
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BIG IDEA: We honor God in the small things - through ongoing acts of simple service.

They say, "To honor you we had special days when we fasted, but you didn't see. We humbled ourselves to honor you, but you didn't notice."

But the Lord says, "You do what pleases yourselves on these special days, and you are unfair to your workers. On these special days when you fast, you argue and fight and hit each other with your fists. You cannot do these things as you do now and believe your prayers are heard in heaven." (Isaiah 58:3-4, NCV)

God expresses His concerns in that, though they are trying to please God, they are ignoring the needs of others.

God's Call To Serve Others

In those moments when we are contrary to His will, God can and does help us see where we have gone wrong.

God speaks to His people about simple service in verse 7:

- Share your food with the hungry.
- Bring the poor, the homeless into your homes.
- If someone needs clothes, give them yours.
- That includes helping your relatives in need.

We aren't called to meet every need, but we are called to use the gifts and resources we have to serve others. "Each of you has received a gift to use to serve others. Be good servants of God's various gifts of grace." (1 Peter 4:10, NCV)

1. How am I and others around me going to live a life of simple service toward others this summer?

2. How are each of us engaging in the other 4 commitments at Grace this summer (worshipping God, having personal time with God, growing through intentional relationships)?