

For many years I couldn't say no when people asked me to serve.

Them: "Can you lead a woman's Bible study: Me: "Uh, okay."

Them: "We need helpers in VBS" Me: "Uh. okay."

I didn't want to say no because I didn't want to disappoint others. It wasn't until later I realized that maybe I was disappointing Jesus. Deep down I knew there were things that Jesus called me to do: mentoring teens, writing, and serving my children and husband. Yet these things took second place to all the other things I was doing because I didn't want to let anyone down. I didn't have time to serve Jesus in the way He asked because I was so busy trying to please people.

It wasn't until I was completely overwhelmed that I learned an important question to ask myself: "Am I doing what I'm doing because it's what Jesus desires, or because I'm afraid people will be disappointed if I don't?" That one question turned my schedule upside down. I took things off my schedule that were purely people-pleasing. Once I focused on pleasing Jesus, I found peace.

Serving others is wonderful, but knowing our motivations behind the tasks on our schedule and to-do list makes all the difference, especially when pleasing Jesus comes first.

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On The Road With Jesus

The Road To Service

Pastor Larry Kennedy



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