



God's Heart:

Ministering at Work

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So Far We've Discussed...

- Work originated with (and is possible because of) the Triune God
- God gave work to Man in the created order as a gift
 - For purpose (Gen. 1:27-28)
 - For dignity (Gen. 2:19)
 - For relationship (Gen. 1:28)
 - For worship (Gen. 2:15)
- There is worth and dignity in any rightly-ordered work
 - Because it images God and displays His glory
 - Because it provides an outlet for us to fulfill God's commands

Today: Ministering at Work

- If you are in Christ, YOU are a minister of the gospel
 - “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.” 2 Cor. 5:17-20
- Solid. So what does it look like at work?

Case Study: Naaman's Servant

- Read 2 Kings 5:1-19 and answer the following:
 - Who is Naaman and what is his story?
 - In what ways is Naaman “outside” the people of God?
 - How does God put one of His people in Naaman's life?
 - How does she minister to Naaman? What's remarkable about it?
- Apply It!
 - How do the key points of this story relate to working in 2017?
 - What does this story teach us about God?
 - What does this story teach us about ministry at work?

Some Takeaways for Ministering at Work

The servant had:	...that manifested itself as:
Conviction	Steadfast belief in God, His power, His purposes for His people, and His word through the prophet(s)
Compassion	Concern for her boss as a human being, despite less than desirable circumstances
Communication	Speaking up as appropriate, with tact and discretion, saying the right thing to the right person the right way
Credibility	Conduct and character that lent such weight to her words that her boss, coworkers, and the king listened
Resulting in...	
Conversion	Her boss believes and becomes worshiper of Yahweh

What Can You Do?

- The Big Lie™
 - “People don’t want to discuss spiritual things.”
 - Oh yes, they do...if you’re thoughtful and kind (2 Tim. 2:24-25)
 - God will help you because He wants it to happen (Mt. 28:18-20)
- Think big. Start small.
 - “For who has despised the day of small things? (Zech. 4:10)
 - Grab lunch and share what’s going on, including spiritually
 - Invite a co-worker/classmate to “Movies at Micah’s”
 - See if anyone would like to have a bible devotion before class or during lunch once a week (you might be surprised)

A Parting Exhortation

- “Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.” Col. 4:2-6