

**40 days of Recovery ~ Week 6**  
**SERVING IN RECOVERY**

*Even though I am free of the demands and expectations of everyone, I have voluntarily become a servant to any and all in order to reach a wide range of people: religious, nonreligious, meticulous moralists, loose-living immoralists, the defeated, the demoralized--whoever. I didn't take on their way of life. I kept my bearings in Christ--but I entered their world and tried to experience things from their point of view. I've become just about every sort of servant there is in my attempts to lead those I meet into a God-saved life. I did all this because of the Message. I didn't just want to talk about it; I wanted to be in on it! You've all been to the stadium and seen the athletes race. Everyone runs; one wins. Run to win. All good athletes train hard. They do it for a gold medal that tarnishes and fades. You're after one that's gold eternally. I don't know about you, but I'm running hard for the finish line. I'm giving it everything I've got. No sloppy living for me! I'm staying alert and in top condition. I'm not going to get caught napping, telling everyone else all about it and then missing out myself. **1 Corinthians 9:19-27***

**YOU HAVE TO GIVE IT AWAY TO KEEP IT.**

**Proverbs 11:25** *The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped.*

**SET FREE TO BECOME SERVANTS.**

**John 12:26** *"If any of you wants to serve me, then follow me. Then you'll be where I am, ready to serve at a moment's notice. The Father will honor and reward anyone who serves me."*

**FREE FROM THE CONTROL OF OTHER PEOPLES POWER IN OUR LIVES THROUGH FAITH.**

**1 Corinthians 10:14** *When you see people reducing God to something they can use or control, get out of their company as fast as you can.*

**FREE TO CHOOSE TO SEEK AND TO FOLLOW GOD'S WILL FOR OUR LIVES.**

**Acts 17:26-27** *Starting from scratch, he made the entire human race and made the earth hospitable, with plenty of time and space for living so we could seek after God, and not just grope around in the dark but actually find him. He doesn't play hide-and-seek with us. He's not remote; he's near.*

**FREE TO LIVE LIVES COMMITTED TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH.**

**John 16:26-27** *I won't continue making requests of the Father on your behalf. I won't need to. Because you've gone out on a limb, committed yourselves to love and trust in me, believing I came directly from the Father, the Father loves you directly.*

**FREE TO PRACTICE THE PRINCIPLES OF RECOVERY IN EVERY AREA OF OUR LIVES.**

**Romans 5:17** *If death got the upper hand through one man's wrongdoing, can you imagine the breathtaking recovery life makes, sovereign life, in those who grasp with both hands this wildly extravagant life-gift, this grand setting-everything-right, that the one man Jesus Christ provides?*

**FREE TO AVOID THE TEMPTATION TO GO BACK TO OUR OLD WAYS THROUGH PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST AND RELIANCE ON HIM, COVERED IN HIS PEACE, HIS SERENITY AND HIS GRACE.**

**Galatians 5:22** *What happens when we live God's way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard--things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments.*



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