

July 17, 2023 Meditation

Jobs

Children often put things into perspective for adults. It has been said, "kids want to help until they are old enough to do the job correctly, then it becomes a struggle." We want to be older and do things older people are doing until we are older and see how challenging it truly is.

My five-year-old recently asked for more jobs like his middle school sister. "Mommy, I want more jobs! I need to do work too! Please give me more jobs." What if that were our view on work? Asking God to give us more work to do. When we look around our homes or our offices, what do you see? Do you see opportunity or do you see struggle?

"I have too much to do — I'm never going to finish — why does this person keep messing things up?" God has given us many opportunities to share His love daily. Do you see them? Are you looking for ways to serve? A four-year-old once joyfully exclaimed, "I GET to take the trash out now!" What do you get to do now, as a follower of Christ? What unique position has God placed you in for this very moment?

In the book of Esther, we see God placing a beautiful woman, Esther, into a position of power to save His people from those who desired to destroy them. For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this? (Esther 4:14) is a familiar verse. Mordecai is speaking to Esther urging her to speak up and save her people by approaching the king.

Many are familiar with the great commission. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age (Matthew 28:19–20).

Where is God calling you to go? Is it out into the community, your neighborhood, your friend group, a short-term mission trip, or a long-term mission trip? Is God calling you to teach? Is God calling you to teach your friends, children, grandchildren, a group at church, or someone at work? God has given us plenty of work to do, all we need to do is obey. He even promises He will always be with us while we are doing it.

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