

Ephesians 6:5-9 Made for More - Oct 26, 2025

Message Recap

Ephesians 6 reminds us that God sees every act of quiet faithfulness. Whether we lead or serve, His reward is not based on recognition but on obedience. Paul reframes work, leadership, and service—not as ladders to climb but as altars to worship.

The world measures success by who notices. God measures it by how faithfully we serve when no one does. When we work *from the soul*, even the most ordinary moments become holy ground.

Icebreaker / Personal Reflection

• Icebreaker:

Share with the Group your first job, and what was most memorable about it.

• Reflection:

What was one insight, illustration, or principle from the message that really stood out to you or challenged you?

Discussion Questions

- Paul told believers to "serve wholeheartedly... as if you were serving the Lord."
 What does it practically look like to work unto God instead of for people? Where is this hardest for you right now?
- Have you ever seen God use an unfair or frustrating situation to refine your heart or character? How did your perspective change afterward?
- Paul's words challenged both slaves and masters in a culture that normalized control. What does it say about the gospel that it transforms hearts before systems? How might that truth reshape how we lead others today?
- Jesus modeled leadership by washing feet. How can you use your position—at work, home, or church—to *lift* rather than *leverage* people?
- Pastor Byron said, "If you can be excellent in the invisible, God can trust you with the impossible." What does excellence look like when no one's watching?

For Additional Study

Daniel 6:1-23 – Daniel and the Lions' Den

Even under unjust leadership, Daniel served with excellence and integrity.

- What do Daniel's habits teach us about being faithful when overlooked or opposed?
- How did his quiet consistency become a witness to kings and nations?

Mark 14:3-9 – The Woman with the Alabaster Jar

Her act of devotion was criticized as "wasted," yet Jesus called it beautiful.

- Why do you think God treasures unseen sacrifices?
- What "small" acts might heaven call beautiful even when people don't?