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“Give to others, and God will give to you...The measure you use for others is the one that God will use for you.” Luke 6:38

“Each time [God] said, ‘My gracious favor is all you need. My power works best in your weakness.’ So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may work through me.” 2 Corinthians 12:9

■ ■ Memory Verse

(Jesus) “The greatest among you must be a servant.”

Matthew 23:11

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■ ■ Next Step Today

- Memorize Matthew 23:11
- Learn more about this opportunity for serving: \_\_\_\_\_.
- Serve those in my church by serving the following Sunday:  
 May 30     June 6     June 13th
- Sign me up for Growth Group # \_\_\_\_\_.



# 2 My Life to the Power of Service

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SERVING: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ACTS 9: THE COMPOUNDING LIFE OF TABITHA

“36 There was a believer in Joppa named Tabitha (which in Greek is Dorcas). She was always doing kind things for others and helping the poor. 37 About this time she became ill and died. Her friends prepared her for burial and laid her in an upstairs room. 38 But they had heard that Peter was nearby at Lydda, so they sent two men to beg him, “Please come as soon as possible!” 39 So Peter returned with them; and as soon as he arrived, they took him to the upstairs room. The room was filled with widows who were weeping and showing him the coats and other garments Dorcas had made for them. 40 But Peter asked them all to leave the room; then he knelt and prayed. Turning to the body he said, “Get up, Tabitha.” And she opened her eyes! When she saw Peter, she sat up! 41 He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then he called in the widows and all the believers, and he showed them that she was alive. 42 The news raced through the whole town, and many believed in the Lord. 43 And Peter stayed a long time in Joppa, living with Simon, a leatherworker.” Acts 9:36-43

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## HOW TO LIVE A COMPOUNDING LIFE OF SERVICE (From Tabitha in Acts 9:36 - 43)

1. A \_\_\_\_\_  
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“There was a believer in Joppa named Tabitha (which in Greek is Dorcas).” Acts 9:36a

“A spiritual gift is given to each of us as a means of helping the entire church.” 1 Corinthians 12:7

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- Administration (organizing)
  - Discernment
  - Encouraging
  - Giving (financial)
  - Leadership
  - Shepherding (care)
  - Teaching
  - Pioneering (new works)
  - Evangelism
  - Faith (high trust in God)
  - Hospitality
  - Mercy
  - Serving / Helping
  - Wisdom / Counseling

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2. B \_\_\_\_\_  
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“She was always doing kind things for others and helping the poor.” Acts 9:36b

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVING

- Serving on Sunday
- Technical Arts Team
- Worship Arts Team
- Media Arts Team
- Office Volunteer
- Journey Kids Team
- Community Development Team
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

“Do not neglect the spiritual gift you received.” 1 Timothy 4:14

3. C \_\_\_\_\_  
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