

PARTNERSHIP

NOVEMBER TEAM UPDATE

YOU CAN DO IT

There is a story in the book of Luke 9 where thousands of people have gathered to hear from Jesus and the time comes when people need to get some food. I'm sure they liked to eat as much as we do! There were no taco food trucks around so the disciples had an idea. They tell Jesus to send the people away so they could go find food somewhere else. But Jesus has a different plan. He says "You give them something to eat." As the story unfolds, we see that they gather a small amount of bread and fish, Jesus does a miracle and multiplies it to feed everyone! But the part of the story that I want us to think about it when Jesus told the disciples "you give them something to eat". He wanted the disciples to play a part and to know they could do this! He wanted them to do what they could with what they had. The idea is to simply offer what you have and with Jesus something great can happen.

As we continue to take steps in Partnership at The Journey, you can play a part. I want you to hear Jesus saying the same thing to you - "You can do this!" When you partner with Him, you can do this. When you offer your time, your listening ear, your story, your acts of kindness, you partner with Jesus and He will multiply that to help others. When you look beyond yourself and help others take a step, you are partnering with Jesus. You can do this. You have a part to play. Together let's bring hope and God's love to the world around us. You can do this!

REFLECTION TIME WITH JESUS

- 1) When you think about the above story, what hinders you most from playing a part with Jesus to look beyond yourself and help others take a step?
- 2) Do you believe you can play a part in His mission? In a prayer moment to Jesus, tell him your answer and why or why not?
- 3) With some of your current activities, responsibilities, and relationships, how can you repurpose that time to look beyond yourself?

TIPS & IDEAS FOR THIS MONTH

1. Take the Growth Pathway Spread Kindness Class on November 15. It won't take that much of your time, but it will help you to create margin for others and give you steps to look beyond yourself. Invite someone to take the class with you. [CLASS INFO HERE](#)

2. Ask someone to do a Bible App Thanksgiving Reading Plan.

-Select a Thanksgiving reading plan: <https://my.bible.com/reading-plans/22918-real-hope-thanksgiving>
<https://my.bible.com/reading-plans/22633-the-power-of-thanksgiving>

-Talk to or text a friend and tell them you are going to do an online Bible Reading plan about Thanksgiving. Tell them how many days the plan is and ask them to join you.

-Tell them it only takes a few minutes each day and it will be an encouraging focus.

-Together, leave a comment in the plan each day to share what you learned.