

Big Idea: Love means putting Others First

"None of you should be looking out for your own interests, but for the interests of others." 1corinthians10/24tev

(Abram to his nephew Lot)"Choose any part of the land you want. You go one way, and I'll go the other." Lot looked around and saw that the whole Jordan Valley... had plenty of water, like the Garden of the Lord... So Lot chose the whole Jordan Valley for himself... Abram stayed in the land of Canaan, and Lot settled among the cities in the valley and camped near Sodom... After Lot had left, the Lord said to Abram, "From where you are, look carefully in all directions. I am going to give you and your descendants all the land that you see, and it will be yours forever." genesis13/9>15

When I am focused on me...

I'll brag about My Accomplishments

"Don't do anything from selfish ambition or from a cheap desire to boast, but be humble toward one another, always considering others better than yourselves." philippians2/3

I'll emphasize Your Struggles

"So those of us who have a strong faith must be patient with the weaknesses of those whose faith is not so strong." romans15/1gw

I'll always be associated with Drama

"For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and every kind of evil." james3/16

When I am focused on you...

I'll have a Larger Perspective

"The Lord says: "My thoughts and my ways are not like yours. Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, my thoughts and my ways are higher than yours." isaiah55/8>9

I'll realize God will take care of My Future

"It is God who clothes the wild grass—grass that is here today and gone tomorrow, burned up in the oven. Won't he be all the more sure to clothe you? What little faith you have! So do not start worrying: 'Where will my food come from? or my drink? or my clothes?...' Your Father in heaven knows that you need all these things. Instead, be concerned above everything else with the Kingdom of God and with what he requires of you, and he will provide you with all these other things. matthew6/30>33tev

"That's exactly what Jesus did. He didn't make it easy for himself by avoiding people's troubles, but waded right in and helped out. "I took on the troubles of the troubled," is the way Scripture puts it." romans15/3theMessage

For the top of my message:

"Everyone can be great because anyone can serve." Martin Luther King Jr.

Service is the lifeblood of any organization. Everything flows from it and is nourished by it. Customer service is not a department... it's an attitude.

"the service we render to others is really the rent we pay for our room on this earth." - Sir Wilfred T. Greenfield

A man was sitting on the edge of the bed, observing his wife, looking at herself in the mirror. Since her birthday was not far off he asked what she'd like to have for her Birthday.

"I'd like to be six again", she replied, still looking in the mirror.

On the morning of her Birthday, he arose early, made her a nice big bowl of Lucky Charms, and then took her to Six Flags theme park. What a day! He put her on every ride in the park; the Death Slide, the Wall of Fear, the Screaming Monster Roller Coaster, everything there was. Five hours later they staggered out of the theme park. Her head was reeling and her stomach felt upside down. He then took her to a McDonald's where he ordered her a Happy Meal with extra fries and a chocolate shake. Then it was off to a movie, popcorn, a soda pop, and her favorite candy, M&Ms. What a fabulous adventure!

Finally she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed into bed exhausted.

He leaned over his wife with a big smile and lovingly asked, "Well Dear, what was it like being six again?"

Her eyes slowly opened and her expression suddenly changed. (last slide) "I meant my dress size!"