

LONE STAR FAITH

Men's Bible Study – Session 4

At some point in my life, I was faced with an opportunity to serve.

It was an opportunity to be involved in some area of ministry or service that was new to me, and I couldn't get it off my mind.

Even now, I'm in a tug-of-war with God over something like that.
He's inviting me outside what's comfortable,
outside my experience, in order to serve others.

Yet the real issue is not about whether others need my service.

The tension I feel is a faith tension. It's a trust issue.

This opportunity for service is something God wants to use to stretch MY faith muscles,
to build MY trust in Him!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Can you think of a situation when you were given a responsibility for which you felt inadequate? How did it turn out? What did you learn about yourself?
2. Have you ever sensed God urging you to do something, yet you held back? Why did you hold back?
3. What is your initial response to serving others?
4. Think about a time when you said 'yes' to something God was urging you to do. What was the impact of that experience?
5. What have been some excuses you have used to not serve?
6. What is an area or need you think God is urging you to serve others in currently?

*When God brings surprising ministry opportunities to me, my responsibility is simple:
I'm to do what I know how to do, then trust God to do what only He can do.*

*The tension I feel in those situations is simply my faith muscles being stretched.
God is preparing me on the inside. He's working on my faith, because He cares so much
about that.*

*He knows that what's at stake with me serving - is the size and strength of my faith.
This is the story behind every major move of God in human history.*

*God wants you to be involved in meeting someone else's need.
He wants to grow YOUR faith!*

- **This week – ask yourself - What do I know how to do? And how can I link with my church to meet someone else's need? Where can I get involved so MY faith can grow?**