

Spur On

Scripture Reading — Hebrews 10:19-25

*Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.
—Hebrews 10:24—*

Some years ago, during an unhappy conflict at work, a wise coworker told me that having things go my way was not the point. Working together to do good things for others was more important. Doing it my way might be better, but not at the cost of accomplishing nothing. Those were hard but encouraging words to hear.

God has great plans for our lives that are beyond our imagining. How surprised we can be to discover gifts we have within us! God seems to use us best in areas where we might think we do not have strengths. That irony helps us see that the work God does through us is his, not ours. Those can also be areas in which doors close and windows open—and we step out on a new path to serve him.

Christ is already the victor over all that is wrong with the world. He invites us to follow him and to challenge each other to leave comfortable habits for new forms of ministry. As parents, we might use the image of holding out our children's crowns and challenging our children to grow into them. As a church, we can help others see gifts and talents of which they may not yet be aware.

Tell someone how excited you are to see how God is planning to use their gifts and talents in his kingdom. Point out how God is equipping them for service. Encourage those around you in their spiritual growth and ministry!

Prayer

Lord, make us encouragers of one another. Give us the courage to step out in faith to explore new paths of service. May we use our talents to serve you. In Jesus, Amen.

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