

# Today's Sermon:

## Accepting Our Assignment

**To Cultivate a Ministry we must move from  
Consuming to \_\_\_\_\_.**

### **Why Serve?**

**We are \_\_\_\_\_ to serve.**  
*Jeremiah 1:5; Ephesians 2:10*

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*2 Timothy 1:9; 1 Corinthians 6:20; Romans 12:1; 2 Corinthians 5:15*

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*Matthew 20:28*

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*Romans 14:12; Romans 2:6-8; Philippians 3:14*

## **Potential Excuses**

- Abraham was old**
- Jacob was insecure**
- Leah was unattractive**
- Joseph was abused**
- Moses stuttered**
- Gideon was poor**
- Rahab was immoral**
- David had an affair and a dysfunctional family**
- Elijah was suicidal**
- Jeremiah was depressed**
- Jonah was prejudice**
- Naomi was a widow**
- John the Baptist was eccentric**
- Peter had a bad temper**
- Martha worried**
- The Samaritan woman had several failed marriages**
- Zacchaeus was unpopular**
- Thomas had doubts**
- Paul had poor health**
- Timothy was timid**

**Everyone of these people served God!**

**What is our Excuse?**

**Write it out... Wrestle with it... ask whether it will hold up with God.**

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