



FREEDOM SERVICE 7 JUNE

WARM UP #1: What's your favourite Will Ferrell movie? (if any!)

WARM UP #2: Would you like to be famous, or are you happy laying low (i.e. being one of "The Other Guys")?

We all know the big names of the Bible (e.g. Moses, David, Jesus, Paul) but there are many other "smaller" names who nevertheless had a part to play in God's big story. Here are a few examples:

- *Bezalel and Oholiab (master craftsmen) – Exodus 35:30-35*
- *Kenaniah (singer) and Benaiah (fighter) – 1 Chronicles 15 & 11*
- *Joanna and Susanna (daily providers for Jesus) – Luke 8:1-3*
- *A man who owned a room (for Last Supper) – Luke 22:10-12*
- *Priscilla & Aquila (co-workers in the gospel) – Romans 16:3-5*
- *Lydia (entrepreneur, house church leader) – Acts 16:11-40*

1. Who else can you think of in the Bible who played a small but significant role? How about at CBC? Who do you see making a difference without getting a lot of attention for it?

2. Read Ephesians 2:10 and 1 Peter 4:10. Do you really believe God can use you to serve and bless others? Why or why not?

3. Read 1 Corinthians 1:27-28 and 12:18-23. Do you find these verses encouraging, slightly offensive, or both?

4. What gift has God given you for you to bless others with today?

PRAY: That you would "use your gift well" & be a blessing to others.

BONUS MATERIAL:

1. Look at the content below. How prevalent are these kinds of messages in our society today? What effect do they have on people?

5 Daily Reminders

1. I am amazing.
2. I can do anything.
3. Positivity is a choice.
4. I celebrate my individuality.
5. I am prepared to succeed.

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"YOU CAN BE EVERYTHING. YOU CAN BE THE INFINITE AMOUNT OF THINGS THAT PEOPLE ARE."

You are essentially who you create yourself to be and all that occurs in your life is the result of your own making.

- Stephen Richards

define Success on your own terms achieve it by your own rules and build a life you're proud to live.

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BE YOURSELF
ACCEPT YOURSELF
VALUE YOURSELF
FORGIVE YOURSELF
BLESS YOURSELF
EXPRESS YOURSELF
TRUST YOURSELF
LOVE YOURSELF
EMPOWER YOURSELF

STOP DOUBTING YOURSELF, WORK HARD, AND MAKE IT HAPPEN.

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2. Now look at the two columns in the chart below. How could this help you explain to someone that the empowerment we find in God is superior to the form of "self-empowerment" we find in our society?

SELF-EMPOWERMENT	GOD-EMPOWERMENT
Not believable (only positive)	Believable (deals with whole self)
Not sustainable (self-resourced)	Sustainable (God-resourced)
Not compatible (truth canoes)	Compatible (one big truth/story)
Not secure (no grounding)	Secure (grounded in God)

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