

Verse of the Month Devotional

February

*I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink;
I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me;
I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'*

Matthew 25:35-36

Thoughts on the verse:

What does the church need to look like? Jesus tells us right here. It is not the building or the seats, it is not the decorations or the statement of faith. It is the people. And we don't have to read very far in God's Word to find the directions on what to do to be His church. When we take care of the least of these, the people that cannot possibly repay us or even seem deserving at all, we are doing what He told us to do. By the world's standards, it is not pretty, nor is it glamorous to do these basic things for those who are in need. But the secret of God's Kingdom is that it operates upside down from the ways of the world. The greatest of these serves the most. The strongest upholds the weak ones. The mighty lead with servitude.

Prayer:

God we are asking You to open our eyes to see and our ears to hear what Your Spirit is saying. We are asking You to show us Your Kingdom, teach us Your ways, and strengthen us to follow You. Help us to remember the setup of Your dominion, and how You love to use the foolish things of this world to confound the wise. Help us to be the church. Help us to do the hard things. Help us to make obedience the priority and take steps of faith that bring Your church to those who need it the most, and the most precious souls that You gave Your life for. Help us to be an instrument of Your peace, and use us for Your Kingdom and Your glory, in Jesus' name.

Action:

Take a moment to think about what being the church means to you. Read the verses above for more clarity and inspiration. Write in the notes below some ways that you can bring the church to those who need it the most, and pick one option to work on for this month.

Notes: