JUST SHOW UP

serve
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KEY SCRIPTURE

- Romans 1:11-12
- Romans 12:1-6
- James 1:17
- 1 Corinthians 12
- 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

KEY POINTS

- Paul longed to see the church so he could impart a spiritual gift to strengthen them. The gifts exist so we can mutually encourage one another's faith.
- Every good and perfect gift comes down from the Father of lights. There is no variation or shadow in Him. He is the Giver.
- To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. The gift is not for you. It is for the body.
- The Spirit apportions to each one individually as He wills. The gift is sovereign. He holds it. We minister with it.
- God arranged the members in the body, each one of them as He chose. You do not get to pick who is next to you. The weaker parts are indispensable.
- Love is the more excellent way. Without love, even the highest gifts are a noisy gong. All of it must be administered through love.
- You discover the gift by longing to strengthen someone else and then showing up. The need reveals what He has given you.

DISCUSSION

- Paul said he longed to see them so he could strengthen them. Where do you sense a longing to strengthen someone right now?
- "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." How does that change the way you think about "my gift"?
- Pastor Bob said the starting place is offering yourself as a living sacrifice. What is one thing you are still holding back from that offering?
- God arranged the members as He chose. Who in the body has God placed near you that you would not have chosen?
- "If one member suffers, all suffer together." Who is suffering right now that the body needs to suffer with?
- How is "show up and long to strengthen someone" different from waiting until you know what your gift is?
- 1 Corinthians 13 says without love the gifts are nothing. Where do you need love to catch up with a gift you already have?