

WHAT AM I DOING IN THIS DEAD ZONE?



I thought that by this time in my life I'd be out there making an impact.

Yet here I am, trapped in "Useless Cove."

Still waiting for a break.

I feel as though I've been by-passed.

Lord, why haven't you placed me where I can make a difference?

How can you expect me to bear fruit in this "dead zone?"

And the Lord answers:

You are exactly where you are supposed to be.

Open your eyes.

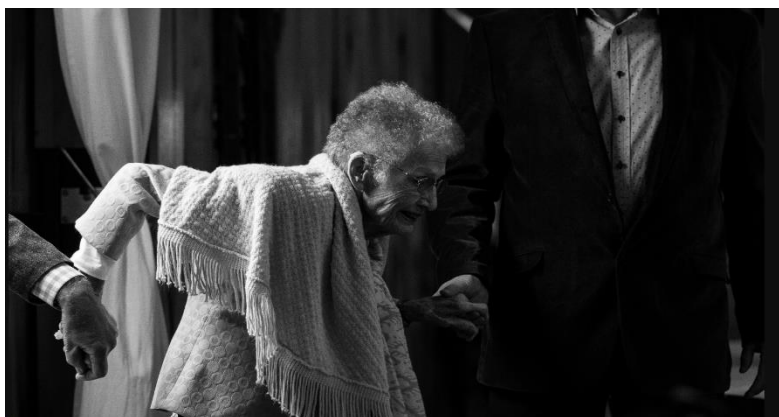
Begin serving in that place.

And it will no longer be a dead zone.

***We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him,
who are called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28)***

You are where you are in order to fulfill God's purpose---

----not your version of God's purpose.



Start washing feet.

Start praying for the ones before your face.

Give thanks to God for who he is.

Give thanks for the place where he has put you.

And while you're at it, repent of your vanity.

Then the Lord Jesus will make an impact on that "dead zone" through you.



You did not choose me, but I chose you and ordained you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give it to you.

John 15:16

Prayer: Lord, we thank you for where you have called us. Help us to see and be content with your purpose for us. Help us to serve with joy and expectation, even if it's in insignificance, even if it's in a dead zone. Lord, we turn to you for help, for faith, for light, for vision in these dead places. We know that they can come to life, that they are waiting for your life to be poured into them, if we would get over ourselves and become the priests you call us to be. We repent of our vanity, our need to do significant and great things. Help us to serve in simple ways with loving, expectant hearts. We pray your name, your blessings, your very presence into the dead zones in our lives and we know that you will come to them, and that lasting fruit will be borne. Amen

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