

Did you know that mission invites you into greatness?

It sounds strange, but it's true! Paul writes in Colossians 1:23 that the gospel must be "proclaimed in all creation under heaven," and he says, "of which I, Paul, became a minister." So Paul is a minister—the word *diakonos*—means "servant."



He's a servant of the gospel and a servant of others, because what he is offering them is the "hope of the gospel." He serves not only the gospel, but others as he offers them the gospel where they can find hope.

Ready for the twist? That same word, *diakonos*, is the very word Jesus used to describe the greatest in the kingdom. "Whoever would be the greatest of all must be the least of all and the servant of all."

You know what greatness is? Serving others. You want to know how you can serve? Tell them where to find the hope they desperately need. Not because it's a duty. Not for Christian brownie points. But because you want to give others hope.

That's greatness. And you are made for more of it.

Response:

Today, take a moment to reflect on the world around you. It's full of people who are in desperate need of hope. Your home, workplace, school, neighbourhood: so many people need hope! Today, consider one person who needs hope. Pray for them. Then look for a chance to serve them by sharing the good news that gives hope.

Prayer:

Father, the grace I've already received is more than enough. And yet, you are calling me to more—more usefulness, more greatness. It seems too good to be true! Help me to serve those around me. Let me be an agent of hope. Use me today, I pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.