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## **Out Of My Way**

**Are you willing to go out of your way for others? Are you willing to be inconvenienced in order to serve people in need? Will you do for others what I have done for you? Will you humble yourself and take on the form of a servant?** Yes Lord, I will do whatever you ask of me. **Will you set aside your comfort and pleasure to serve me?** Yes Lord, I will do whatever you ask of me. **Will you give your time, talent and resources to those who are in need?** Yes Lord, I will do whatever you ask of me.

**I'm asking you to open your eyes to those who are in need all around you. I'm asking you to soften your heart to those who need your help. I'm asking you to reach out your hands to those I want you to serve. Will you do this for me?** Yes Lord, I will do whatever you ask of me.

**Haven't I shown you how to live? Haven't I shown you what I want you to do? Haven't I been your example? Do you want to do for others what I have done for you?** I'm thinking of a question that I dare not ask. I don't want to seem ungrateful. **Go ahead and ask it. I won't think that you are ungrateful.** I want to hear your answer so that I can serve you more fully. I want to be like you. I want to do what you have done. I want to give like you gave. I want to love like you loved. I want to live like you lived. So, here is my question, "What have you done for me?" **I left heaven to come to earth for you. I became a man so that you could know me. I gave up all my rights. I humbled myself and took on the form of a servant. I allowed myself to be spurned and rejected. I allowed myself to be hurt and humiliated. I allowed myself to be crucified on a cross so that you could be forgiven of all your sins and cleansed of all your unrighteousness. I gave you salvation as a free gift. You will now live forever in heaven with me.** I am so thankful for all that you have done for me. You went way out of your way for me. You gave everything that you had to give. You didn't hold back anything. **Is that what you will do for me? Will you give me all that you have to give? Will you go way out of your way to serve me?** Yes Lord, I will.

*Lord, I will not live to please myself. I will not live for my own comfort and convenience. Help me to go out of my way to help people in need. Use me to encourage, build up and strengthen those who are weak in their faith. Amen*

**Let Us** *Please His Neighbor*

We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me."

NIV Romans 15:1-3

**Let Us** *Please His Neighbor*

We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me."

ESV Romans 15:1-3

**Let Us** *Help Others*

We who are strong must be considerate of those who are sensitive about things like this. We must not just please ourselves. We should help others do what is right and build them up in the Lord. For even Christ didn't live to please himself. As the Scriptures say, "The insults of those who insult you, O God, have fallen on me."

NLT Romans 15:1-3

**Let Us** *Please His Neighbor*

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NKJV Romans 15:1-3

**Let Us** *Please Our Neighbor*

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbor for the good purpose of building up the neighbor. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me."

NRSV Romans 15:1-3

**Let Us** *Look After The Good Of The People Around Us*

Those of us who are strong and able in the faith need to step in and lend a hand to those who falter, and not just do what is most convenient for us. Strength is for service, not status. Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us, asking ourselves, "How can I help?" That's exactly what Jesus did. He didn't make it easy for himself by avoiding people's troubles, but waded right in and helped out. "I took on the troubles of the troubled," is the way Scripture puts it.

MSG Romans 15:1-3

**Let Us** *Please His Neighbor*

WE WHO are strong [in our convictions and of robust faith] ought to bear with the failings and the frailties and the tender scruples of the weak; [we ought to help carry the doubts and qualms of others] and not to please ourselves. Let each one of us make it a practice to please (make happy) his neighbor for his good and for his true welfare, to edify him [to strengthen him and build him up spiritually]. For Christ did not please Himself [gave no thought to His own interests]; but, as it is written, The reproaches and abuses of those who reproached and abused you fell on Me.

AMP Romans 15:1-3

**Let Us** *Bear The Burden Of Being Considerate*

Even if we believe that it makes no difference to the Lord whether we do these things, still we cannot just go ahead and do them to please ourselves; for we must bear the "burden" of being considerate of the doubts and fears of others—of those who feel these things are wrong. Let's please the other fellow, not ourselves, and do what is for his good and thus build him up in the Lord. Christ didn't please himself. As the Psalmist said, "He came for the very purpose of suffering under the insults of those who were against the Lord."

TLB Romans 15:1-3

**Let Us** *Please His Neighbor*

Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength and not just please ourselves. Each of us is to please his neighbor for his good, to his edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "THE REPROACHES of those who reproached YOU FELL ON ME."

NASB Romans 15:1-3

**Let Us** *Please Our Neighbors*

We who are strong in faith should help the weak with their weaknesses, and not please only ourselves. Let each of us please our neighbors for their good, to help them be stronger in faith. Even Christ did not live to please himself. It was as the Scriptures said: "When people insult you, it hurts me."

NCV Romans 15:1-3

# Please His Neighbor

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Let Us** – Romans 15:1-3

**In Context:** *Read Romans 15*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God’s Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:** ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, I will not live to please myself. I will not live for my own comfort and convenience. Help me to go out of my way to help people in need. Use me to encourage, build up and strengthen those who are weak in their faith. Amen

**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

**How has the Lord helped you to be considerate and sensitive to those who are weak in their faith?**

How has the Lord opened up your eyes and heart and hands to those who are in need all around you?

When has wanting to please yourself made you unwilling to do what was required to help someone in need?

What has it cost you when you have gone out of your way to help someone in need?

When has someone gone out of their way to help you when you were in need?

**How are you following Jesus Christ as your role model for going out of your way to help someone in need?**

**How has the Lord used you to encourage and strengthen those who were weak in their faith?**

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**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Go out of your way to help people who are in need and especially those who are weak in their faith.

**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will use you to encourage and strengthen those who are weak in their faith.

**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord has used you to strengthen others in their faith.

**Close With Prayer:** ***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_  
Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_  
Confession... \_\_\_\_\_  
Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_  
Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you go out of your way to help people in need and especially those who are weak in their faith.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will go out of my way to help people in need and especially those who are weak in their faith.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, who can I help encourage, build up and strengthen in their faith today?*

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