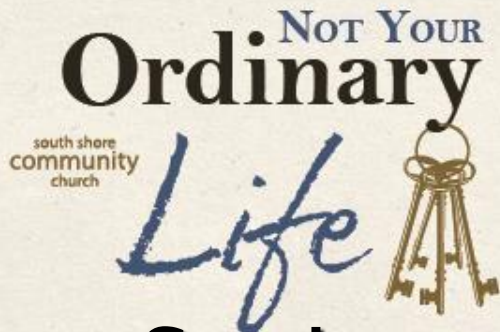


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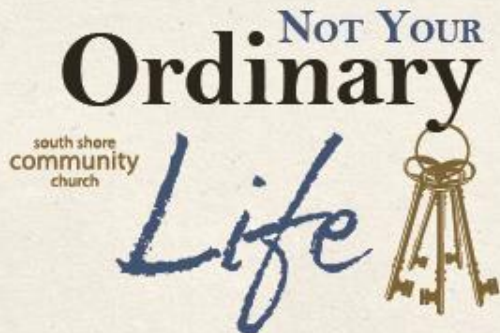
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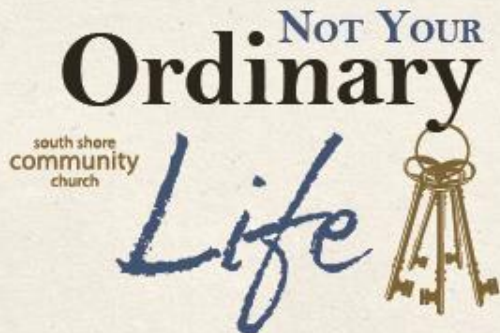
Serving with Soul:

- **Serving without soul (health care providers; funeral directors; Christ followers)**
- **“Drawn to care for hurt things, I had ended up with compassion fatigue. Drawn to a life of servanthood, I had ended up a service provider. Drawn to marry the Divine Presence, I had ended up estranged...” Barbara Brown Taylor, Leaving Church**



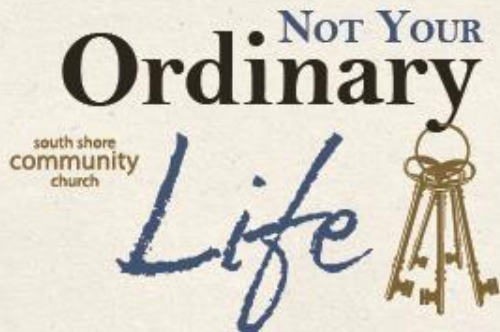
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- If we are going to expand our spiritual authority, and our words are going to hold more weight with God & others, we need to serve with soul. It isn't enough to identify our gifts, and invest them in the kingdom. We need to do it with the right heart motive. What is the heart of the Christ-follower who serves with soul & expands their authority?



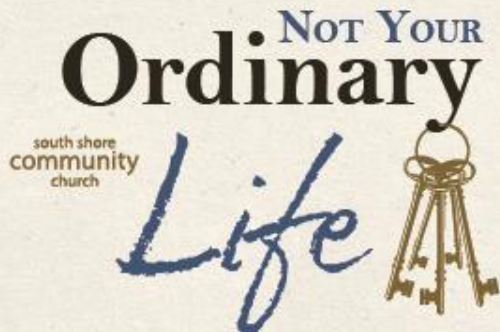
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- Philippians 2:1-11, “If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.



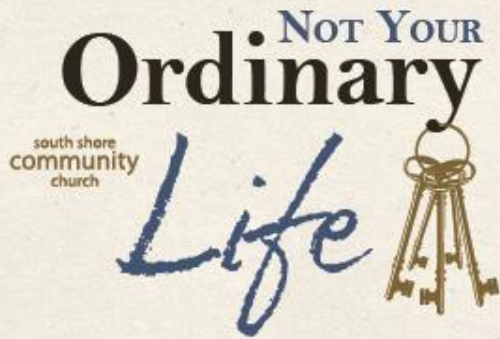
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- Philippians 2:1-11, "Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man,



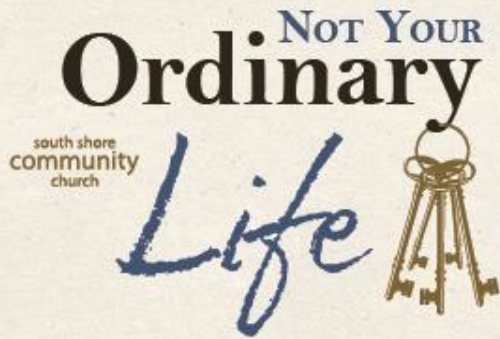
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- Philippians 2:1-11, “he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”



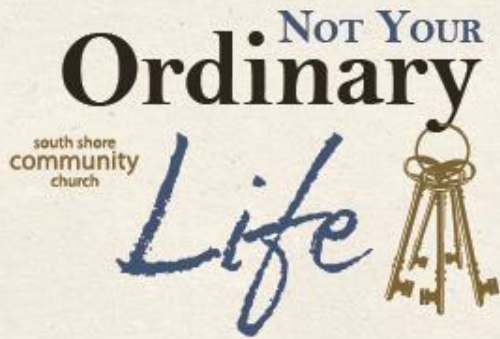
Serving with Soul:

- **First, if we are going to serve with soul & expand our spiritual authority, we need to guard our motives.** Paul says, “if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion” then serve like Jesus. Three God honoring motives:



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- We serve because of love. (1 Cor 13) (for God & others – Martin)



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- We serve because we are grateful.
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- We serve for God's glory. (Mt 5:16, "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.") (Fred, Ten)



Serving with Soul:

- **Second, if we are going to serve with soul, and expand our spiritual authority, our service must flow from our intimacy with God.** Mark 3:13-15, "Jesus went up on a mountainside & called to him those he wanted, & they came to him. He appointed twelve – designating them apostles – that they might be with him & that he might send them out to preach & to have authority to drive out demons."



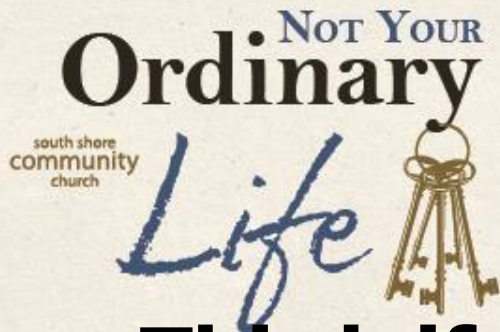
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- This is the way Jesus modeled, and taught ministry. First, being. Then doing. We are human beings, not human doings. When we operate from a soul centered on God, our service is peaceful, quiet, and full of love. (having something to give)



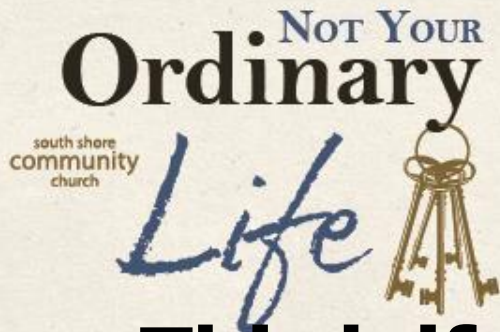
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- A centered life is healthy & productive. An uncentered life may be productive, but eventually the unhealthiness of it will cause disassembling. We cannot let the busyness & noisiness of life crowd God out of the center of our souls. (full soul – takeaway)



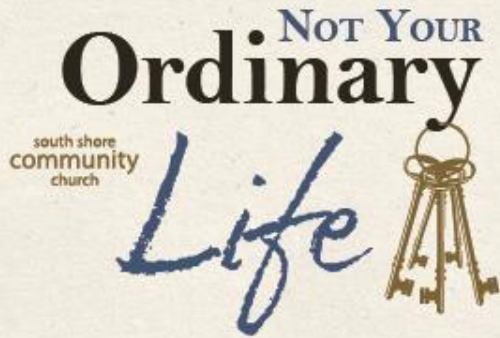
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- **Third, if we are going to serve with soul, and expand our spiritual authority, we need to do what the Father is doing.** (Philippians 2 – complete submission –even death on a cross) John 5:19, “I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can only do what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son does also.”



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- What is the Father doing? (cousin; planes)



Serving with Soul:

- How is it with your soul? (Wesley's groups) Are you serving with soul? Is your heart motive right? Is your soul centered? Are you seeking to do what the Father is up to?