



## It's Not All About Me, or is it?

*“The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.”*

*Proverbs 11:25 (NLT)*

Endlessly thirsting, can our souls ever be filled?

The world's solution is more stuff, experiences, money... “It's all about me!” Having had a taste, we recognize the insufficiency. In search of our “holy grail,” we read book after book, find religion and conclude, “It's not all about me!”

*“For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” The Apostle Paul (Galatians 5:14)*

Commanded to love our neighbors, we set out to save the world. After tirelessly serving, though our willpower fights it, a quiet voice whispers, “Look at the good I'm doing.” It's all about me – again!

We decide, "It's all about Christ!" Who could argue? Aren't we to make worshiping Jesus the center of our lives? We praise him for who he is, the good he's done, and call to him when challenged. Yet, we soon find ourselves asking Jesus to bless our plans when we want something and complain when we don't get it. It's all about me – again!

Ironically, each path circles back to us. Could "It's all about me!" actually be the answer in a twisted way?

*Reflect: **Have the paths I've pursued quenched my thirst?***

Tremendous good has come because others sought to save the world, your salvation is ample evidence. In the Parable of the Good Samaritan and throughout his teachings, Jesus affirms that we are to love others, share the gospel, and help them in any way possible. He supports, "It's not all about me!"

At the same time, he came specifically to heal you. So, he also supports "It's all about me!" Brilliantly, he reconciles this dichotomy by adding a twist to your Mission. Like throwing a boomerang, as you serve others by advancing your Mission, Jesus circles it back to heal your yearning soul. As Jesus heals, you are filled and your testimony resounds to again serve others. A miraculous cycle!

*Consider: **My Mission declares what Jesus wants to do in my life.***

Can you truly relate to another if you have not experienced what they are experiencing? God calls on you to lead. You are most powerful when traveling the same road as those you are serving, as a kindred spirit, just a step ahead.

*“He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.” The Apostle Paul (2 Corinthians 1:4)*

Jesus adds yet another twist. What seems strong to us is weak to him and vice versa.

*“My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the Lord. “And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine.” The Lord (Isaiah 55:8)*

Being a step ahead, we’re inclined to attempt the advancement of our Missions thinking we know what others need to do to fix themselves. Yet, the Lord instructs the opposite. The Jericho-like walls around those you serve, built up by years of pain, are penetrated only by you being vulnerable – your testimony is your “Boomerang.”

***Imagine: I’m becoming more vulnerable; I refresh others and my soul in turn is refreshed.***

Oh, if vulnerability just came naturally! Fearful, we’re prone to posture. Pride exposes a fresh battlefield. Will you let it postpone your fulfillment?

*“Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.” (James 4:8)*

Fulfillment begins when you take a fresh step toward God.

Vulnerability with him leads to vulnerability with those you serve. Take this step then...

## Throw Your Boomerang!

Go off the grid and ask these questions:

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### Coach's Questions

- What posture is preventing me from being vulnerable? In weakness, share this with Jesus.
- Write out the vivid testimony that has led me to my Mission.
- How will I share this testimony with those I'm serving?

## Spirit Talk

Post this where you will see it regularly.

### Throw My Boomerang!

*"This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. "*

*Jesus Christ | John 15:12-14 (NLT)*



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