

13. WORKING

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JOHN 5:16-17

My Job is My Calling

What was your first job, how did you get it, and what impact did it have on you? What’s the hardest job you’ve ever done, and how did “hard” change who you’ve become in any way? What’s hard about the work you are facing this week? Have you remembered or forgotten to simply, silently lift each of these challenges to Jesus?

So much of our life is “work life,” yet we have a tendency to compartmentalize as people. But what if work is, profoundly, our “spiritual act of worship”? What does it mean to worship God in our work? In what ways do you see your work as an expression of your heart/soul/mind/strength life with Jesus?

Jesus heals a lame man by the pool of Bethesda on the Sabbath, and the Jewish leaders are infuriated: “So the Jewish leaders began harassing Jesus for breaking the Sabbath rules. But Jesus replied, ‘My Father is always working, and so am I.’”

In the video, Keisha comes to understand her work as calling. As a way to care for others. As her “spiritual act of worship.” Work, for all of us, offers us an opportunity to offer Jesus our whole self—our heart/soul/mind/strength.

Exploration Questions

- How have you managed to live out your calling through your work?
- Is all work “holy”—why or why not?
- How important is it that our work is directly tied to our calling, and why?