

You Are a Key Piece and Not Just Another One

You are a key piece and not just another one. A chronicle based on the last meditation shared by brother Walter in the Hebronn community in Sao Paulo which had as its theme, you are a key piece. May this chronicle bless your life. Today is the 20th of October of 2025.

The mirror sometimes is a liar. I look at my reflection after an exhausting week and see just one more. One more in traffic, one more paying a ticket, one more in the crowd. That feeling, that of being insignificant, is a silent virus of the soul. We see big people doing big things and the inner voice whispers, "Me? I'm just dust."

It is on this ground of uncertainty that the word of Romans 12:4 to aid arrives not as a sermon but as a handwritten note from the one who really knows us. The Apostle Paul inspired by God takes us out of the individual mirror and places us in the image of a wonderful but complex work of art the body of Christ his church on earth. Think about the identity that lives in the unit.

The first lesson is a reality check. **You are not a spiritual island.** Your identity, my friend, is in the Wii.

Think of a Swiss watch. Precious and expensive. The golden bridge shines, draws attention, and expresses the splendor of its glory, of course. But what about the tiny spring inside?. If she, in her dark corner, says, "I'm not important," and stops, what happens?. The hand freezes. The clock, which is the sum of its parts, stops. dies.

In life, in the church, in the neighborhood, we are that spring, that pointer, that bolt, or a single gear. My gift of organizing something only makes sense if your gift of teaching can flow without interruption. No one in God's family and in life in general can say to another, "I don't need you.". Jesus fought individualism when he said that the world would know us by the love and unity we dedicate to one another. If we live in isolation, our testimony is a dim and almost imperceptible light.

We have lost the courage to live for God's purposes according to the thoughts and desire of the eternal. We are no longer who we should be. The courage to be a key player depends on trust, faithfulness, and our dependence on God, the Almighty. Think about this truth. **Your spiritual service is your eternal treasure.**

Having overcome the illusion of being just another one, Paul calls us to the field of practice. He lists everyday verbs. These verbs include: **Serve, teach, encourage, share, lead, help.** They are not superpowers, but they are resources that come from God's grace and mercy, enabling us to bless people while we take care of our daily tasks. The key point is the gift is not for your prominence, but for your performance in order to make God known. The focus is not on the kind of gift we wanted, but on diligence and zeal in what God says is needed for a particular moment. The gift is the divine resource, the supernatural empowerment that the spirit gives us.

Zeal and the right attitude is our human part and that is where our treasure lies because the way we act has eternal weight. We lay up treasures in heaven with zeal and care. If it is to lead, let it be with all care, with excellence. If it is to serve, let it be as if we were doing it for Christ himself. The persistence of doing one's best, even in the invisible, is an act of faith, with generosity. If it is to share, let it be with generosity. It is not about the

size of the coin, but about the joy of the detached or selfless heart. And with joy, the service of helping cannot be a burden, a grumpy obligation. It should be done with the pleasure of participating in the eternal mission. The burden is light when hope is our fuel. Believe me, you are a key player. We don't need to be superheroes with capes and super strength. We just need to be the keystone that God has called us to be.

Whether it is the spring that gives strength, the fitting that holds the structure, your service, as simple as it may seem, has eternal value in the situations and in the time that God calls you to cooperate with him. Our treasure is not in what we accumulate but in the spiritual service we provide. It's a beautiful cycle. Faith generates courage for unity and unity impels us to service that fills us with hope.

Look at your daily life for which of these verbs—to serve, to teach, to encourage, to share, to lead, to help—is your specific calling at this point in your life?. Start today with zeal and joy. Every person who crosses your path inside or outside the church needs you. Answer God's call. Be a key player to bless it and make the reality of the most high known.

Let's pray.

Beloved and sovereign God, Father of all creation, blessed be you, oh king of the universe, who always give us your word. We thank you for taking us out of the illusion of being just another one. We recognize that our true identity resides in you and the unity of your church. Forgive us for the individualism and lack of courage that voices feel significant in us. Help us to see that we are a key piece like the essential spring in the clock and that we depend on each other to fulfill your purpose.

Enable us with your grace to practice the verbs of service to serve, to teach, to encourage, to share, to lead, to help with zeal, generosity, and joy as if we were doing it directly. May our service, as simple as it may seem, accumulate eternal treasures and make your reality known to every person on our path. In the name of Jesus, amen.

Have a blessed week and take advantage of every opportunity God gives you to gather treasures in eternity.

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