

Christ, Your Ability
Matthew 14:13-21

Main Point:

Your ability to serve the Lord is found in Jesus Christ; therefore, always look to Him for the enablement you need.

1. You are unable to serve the Lord on your own.
2. This is because your ability to serve the Lord is found in Jesus, not in yourself.
3. Therefore, always look to Jesus for the enablement you need to serve the Lord.

John 15:5 ⁵ "I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. (NKJV)

Augustine of Hippo "O Lord, command what you will and give what you command."

Philippians 2:12-13 ¹² ... work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure. (NKJV)

Hebrews 9:13-14 ¹³ For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? (NKJV)

Colossians 1:28-29 ²⁸ Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ To this *end* I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily. (NKJV)