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SERMON TITLE

STAY FOR THE CREDITS

SERIES

MINISTRY APPRECIATION

DATE

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KEY SCRIPTURE

Romans 16

SYNOPSIS

Paul ends Romans by rolling the credits on ordinary servants.

HIGHLIGHTS





BIG IDEA

We don't serve to get our names written. We serve because they already are.

*"However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."
(Luke 10:20)*

Notes:

PHOEBE: HELP THE _____

Phoebe likely carried this letter to Rome. She helped a lot of people, and Paul asks the church to help her back.

"I ask you to . . . give her any help she may need from you, for she has been the benefactor of many people, including me." (Romans 16:2)

Notes:

PRISCILLA AND AQUILA: SERVE EVEN WHEN IT _____

They risked their lives, and the church met in their house. Serving costs time, energy, and sometimes a clean house.

"Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my co-workers in Christ Jesus. They risked their lives for me." (Romans 16:3-4)

Notes:

MARY: SERVE WHERE NOBODY'S _____

No story, no title. Just hard work most people never saw. But Paul saw it, and God sees it.

"Greet Mary, who worked very hard for you." (Romans 16:6)

Notes:



TRYPHENA, TRYPHOSA, AND PERSIS: SERVE FROM THE _____

Guilt runs out. Applause runs out. Don't try to do the job alone. Serve in the Lord, connected to the vine.

"Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, those women who work hard in the Lord." (Romans 16:12)

Notes:

QUARTUS: YOU DON'T NEED A _____

Erastus got a title. Quartus just got called "our brother." That was enough to make Paul's list.

"Erastus, who is the city's director of public works, and our brother Quartus send you their greetings." (Romans 16:23)

Notes:

OUR CREDITS

Ushers · Greeters · Security · Funeral Helps · Nursery · Emcee · Guest Speakers · Meal Trains · Adopt a Family · Worship Team · Small Group Leaders · KIDS Church & Club Workers · Youth Staff · Camp Counselors · Governing Board · Church Staff · Pastor's Council · D1:1 Mentors · Food Pantry · Clean Team · Building/Grounds Maintenance & Décor · Pop Machine · Office Volunteers · Scrip Admin · Geek Squad · Compassion Café · VBS · Eggstravaganza · Pufferbilly Days Parade · Christmas Program · Operation Christmas Child · RAGBRAI

Every team here is made of people this church doesn't happen without. Find your place on the sign-up at the table.

"So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." (Romans 12:5)

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Am I serving from the vine, or holding the rope alone?

Whose name in our church's credits do I need to thank this week?

If Paul wrote a letter to Boone Open Bible this fall, would my name be on the list?

What would YOUR credit say? _____

Serving doesn't keep you on the vine. Staying on the vine is what makes the serving last.