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Behind the Scenes

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Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. – 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

TODAY'S READING

Romans 16:1-16

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

God values the role I play in the body of Christ.

PRAYER FOCUS

Theater workers

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I recently viewed an outstanding theatrical performance. At the end of the show the actors returned to the stage one by one and received a standing ovation. Reading through the playbill following the performance, I came across the names of the production crew and was surprised at the large number of individuals working behind the scenes. But unlike the cast, their photos and stories did not appear in the playbill. They were not applauded for their part in the production, but they were crucial to the success of the play.

Most of us are familiar with the names Peter, Paul, and Timothy from the Bible, whose contributions to the early church were significant. They were leaders; but they were not alone. In Romans 16, Paul named at least 26 people of diverse backgrounds — men, women, Jews, Gentiles, slaves, and prominent citizens — who contributed to the success of the church in various ways. Far from viewing them as unimportant, it is clear that Paul valued them highly. He applauded them for their commitment and hard work. Many of us feel that because we don't serve as leaders, we can't make a difference. Not so. Each of us has gifts that can be useful to serve others and thus glorify God.

TODAY'S PRAYER

O Lord, help us to realize that we are important parts of the body of Christ. Show us ways we can serve others in your name. Amen.