

24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. 25 Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. 26 Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; 27 but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be

DISQUALIFIED.

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-27

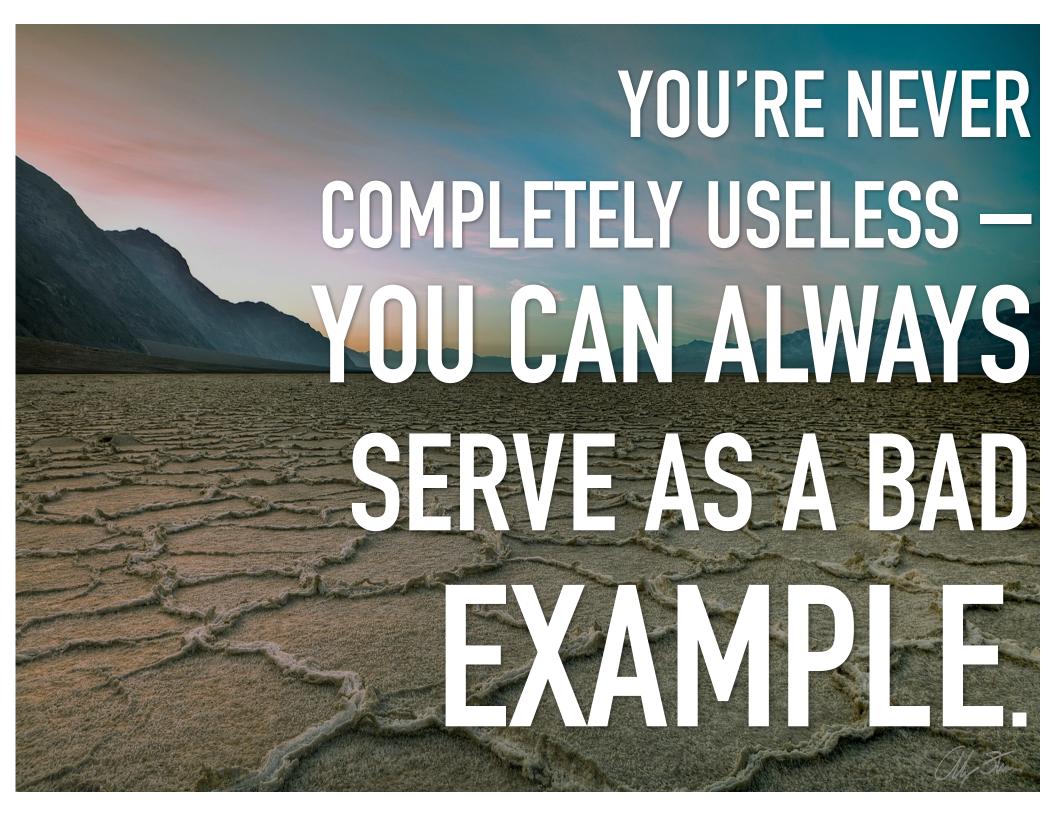


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- Jesus died so that "whosoever believes" will be saved (John 3:16). He died for the world (1 John 2:2).
- His death can impact anybody in equal measure (Colossians 3:10-11, Galatians 3:26-28).
- The word, by which our faith is established, is available to all (Romans 10:8ff).
- We draw spiritual nourishment from the same source as the Israelites in the wilderness — do we reject it, take it for granted, or abuse it the way they did?



THE EXAMPLE

- Do not crave evil things (John 3:19–20, 1 John 2:15–17).
- Do not be idolaters (1 Cor. 8:4-7).
- Do not act immorally (Col. 3:5, 1 Cor. 6:13–18, Num. 25:4, 9).
- Do not try the Lord (Lk. 13:6-9, Gen. 6:3).
- Do not grumble (Jude 16, Phil. 2:14, 4:4ff).

Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:11-12