

Deacons



ministry to people

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DEACONS: PEOPLE WHO LIFT WHAT MATTERS

**Acts
6:1-7**

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Deacon Ministry

There for you in
times of need



The Ministry of Lifting

- **Every growing community reaches a point where the work exceeds the hands**
 - **Acts 6: a practical solution to a real problem**
- **Deacons chosen not for status, but for service**
 - **Today: recognizing calling, character, and capacity**



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- **Not Authority — Availability**

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**Servants Who
Strengthen
the Church**



ACTS 6 CONTEXT

The Early Church Problem

- Growth created gaps
- Some widows overlooked
- Leaders stretched thin
 - Mission at risk

Solution: Choose Servants Who Lift

Deacons, God's Servants



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• Challenge to Deacons:

See the invisible

Notice the unnoticed

• Challenge to Congregation:

Let them know when you need help



“Each life deserves the
mercy
given me, and
Christ empowers me
to be the one to share it.”

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- Challenge to Deacons:
Serve where no one sees**
- Challenge to Congregation:
Honor their service**

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

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Your service strengthens the whole church.

• Challenge to Congregation:

Serve somewhere. Lift something.

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CLOSING THOUGHT

Deacons Are Not Just Titles – They Are Towels

- **Jesus didn't hand out Titles**
- **Jesus picked up a Towel**
- **Today we honor those Who Lift Like Jesus**

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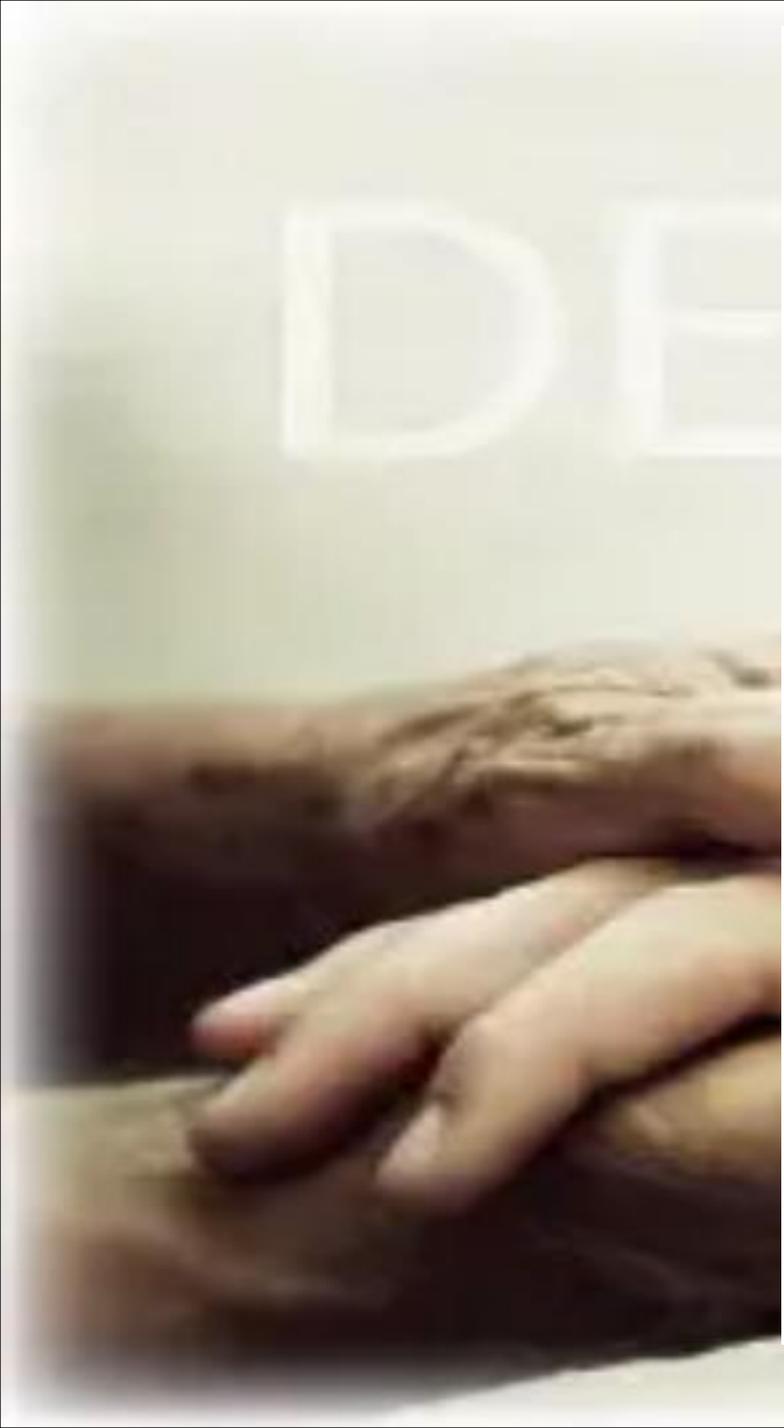




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• **Congregation Commitments:**

- Pray for them
- Support them
- Follow their example



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A CALL TO SERVE

ACTS 6:1-6 | 1 TIMOTHY 3:8-13

Prayer of Commissioning

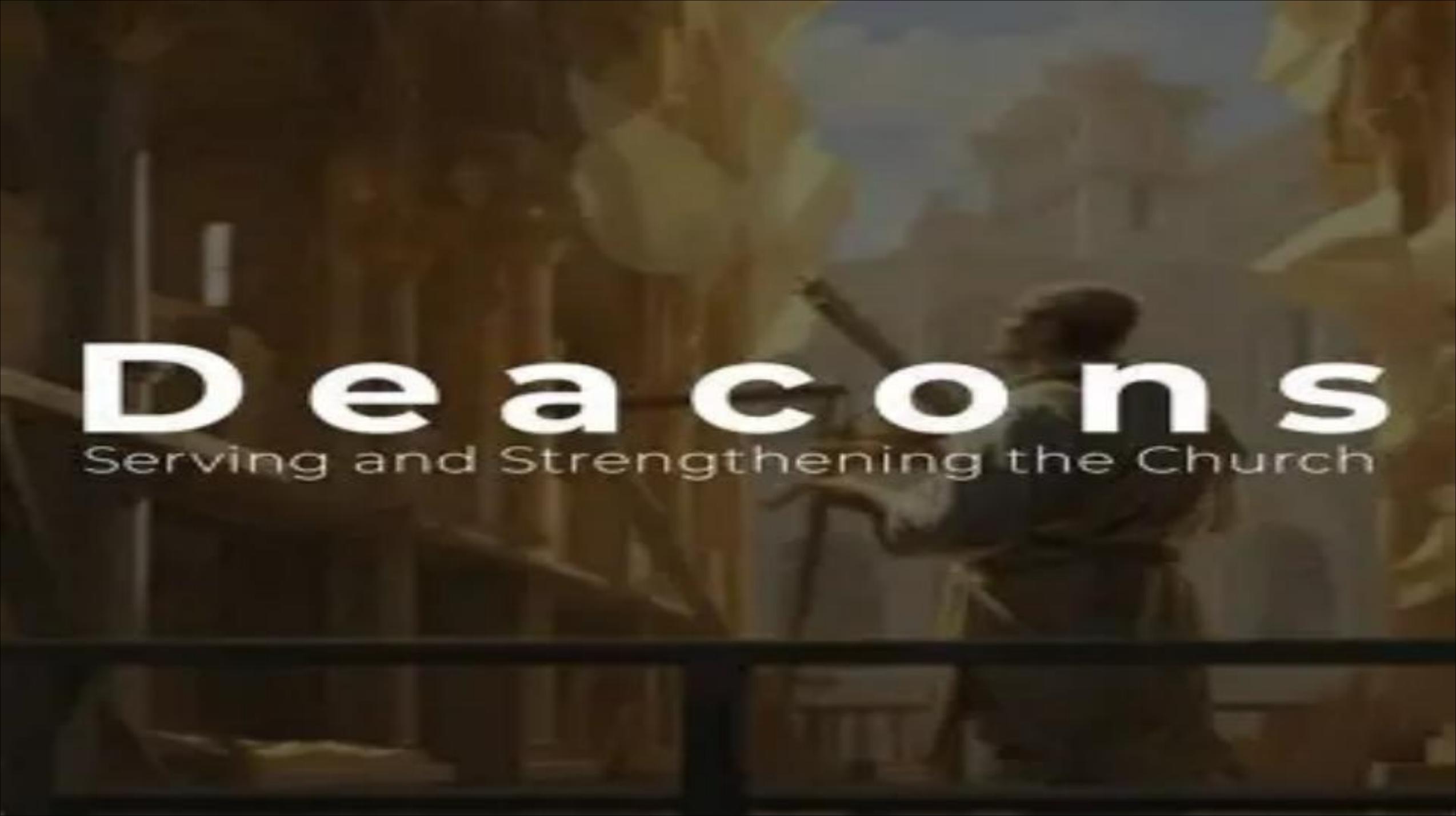
“Strengthen their hands.

Steady their hearts.

Fill them with wisdom, compassion, and courage.”

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Serving and Strengthening the Church

BENEDICTION

**May God give you eyes to see needs,
hands to lift burdens,
and a heart that reflects Christ
Go in unity and strength**

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e Church

DEACON INSTALLATION



JOIN US IN WORSHIP AS WE INSTALL OUR NEW
CLASS OF DEACONS

