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The Power of a Quiet "Yes"

By C. Lee Clark, Rescue Mission CEO

When you quiet yourself, what does
that look like?

Sometimes, quieting ourselves can
lead to service.

Not an impulsive "yes" to every request
or opportunity that comes our way, but
an intentional, prayerful yes to something
God is placing before us.

In John 15, Jesus describes Himself
as the vine and us as the branches.
He invites us to abide—to remain
connected to Him as our source of life,
strength, and direction. Before we
decide where to go or what to do,
we are called simply to remain in
Him. That's not always easy for me.

I am a person of action. I like to get things
done. The other side of that strength is
that I can become anxious—focused on
what isn't working, what needs to be
fixed, or what needs to happen next.

On my computer monitor, I've taped a
simple note with one word:

Quiet.

It reminds me to slow down. To quiet
the noise around me—and sometimes
within me. To be intentional about my
"yes." To ask God to test my anxious
thoughts and remind me once again
that He is in control.

And He is.

God continues to provide abundantly for
everything we need to live out the work of
this Rescue Mission. My hope is to remain
connected to Christ closely enough that
He—not my anxiety, my calendar, or my
desire to get things done—is directing
the next step. The right next step.

The most impactful yes.

Thankfully, I am surrounded every day
by people doing exactly that. I see quiet
yeses all around the Rescue Mission.

- A volunteer says yes to arriving
at 4:30 in the morning to help
serve breakfast.

The Power of a Quiet "Yes": continued on inside

Meet Maren—Our 2026 Drumstick DASH Winning Artist!

This year, the Drumstick DASH is **getting back to basics** with a classic **long-sleeve cotton race shirt** featuring something extra special: artwork created by a child in our community!

Young artists were invited to submit their designs through local churches and community partners, and after judges with Nero Digital Design reviewed the entries, **Maren's cheerful turkey was selected as the winning design!**

When we asked Maren about her goal for her drawing, her answer was perfectly fitting: **"I just wanted to keep it simple."**

And that simply adorable design is about to be seen all over Roanoke on Thanksgiving morning!



Maren plans to be at the DASH herself — and she's already recruiting a team. **"I'm inviting all of my family and friends to register!"**

We think you should take Maren's advice. **Register now to make sure**

a 2026 Drumstick DASH shirt is reserved in your size!

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A Love Worth Sharing

By Lisa Thompson, Rescue Mission Development Director



Chuck and Eileen Rife cutting their cake, July 17, 1976



Chuck and Eileen celebrated 50 years of marriage by serving dinner — and hope — at the Rescue Mission.

Most couples celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary surrounded by family, gathered around an elegant dinner, or traveling to a favorite destination.

Chuck and Eileen chose a different celebration.

They brought a cake to the Rescue Mission. Not just any cake — Chuck's favorite mocha cake — but the cake wasn't really the point.

It was the people.

"God brought Chuck and me

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Respond to others — whether your spouse or someone else — from a position of being dearly and deeply loved by God."

—Chuck & Eileen

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together through our passion for ministry," Eileen said. "As we talked about what would truly be special to us, we realized serving dinner together at the Rescue Mission would be exactly how we wanted to celebrate."

The couple met during their freshman year at Southeastern Bible College in Birmingham, Alabama. Before long, their Saturdays were spent serving together at the Jimmie Hale Mission — helping with chapel services, sharing their faith, and ministering on the streets.

Serving wasn't something they added to their marriage. It became the foundation of it. "Ministry is what brought us together," Eileen said. "It's the glue in our relationship."

Five decades later, that calling remains unchanged.

As Chuck and Eileen welcomed Rescue Mission guests into the dining room, they served meals, smiled, visited, and shared slices of the mocha cake that has become part of their anniversary celebration.

Chuck encouraged each guest to

slow down and savor every bite. "I take a bite, pause, and savor the flavor," he laughed. "I couldn't help but encourage the guests to do the same."

But the sweetest moment of the evening wasn't dessert.

When the couple entered the dining room, they immediately noticed the bold words displayed prominently on the wall: **"To God Be the Glory."**

The phrase carries special meaning. One of the songs performed at their wedding 50 years earlier was the beloved hymn *My Tribute (To God Be the Glory)*. Seeing those words again on such a significant day reminded them of the purpose that has guided their marriage from the beginning — to honor Christ together.

And then something unexpected happened. As guests waited in line for dinner, they began singing **"Happy Anniversary."** Some smiled. Some clapped. Many carried everything they owned in their hands.

"We both felt so humbled," Eileen

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said. "Knowing the suffering and difficult experiences so many of them face — and yet they sang through smiles. What a God gift."

When asked the secret to 50 years of marriage, neither talked about luck or compatibility. Instead, they pointed to God's love and shared,

"The process of God blending two imperfect people as we daily receive Christ's love and pass His love along to each other."

As they look toward the future, their hope is beautifully simple: **"To keep serving together for as long as God gives us strength."**

Every day, someone walks through our doors hoping for a fresh start. Like Chuck and Eileen, you can be part of their story. Whether you volunteer, give, or simply say "yes" to serving, your kindness becomes a reminder that God hasn't forgotten them. **Will you say yes today?**

The Power of a Quiet "Yes"

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- A community partner says yes to working together rather than working alone.
- Someone says yes to driving a guest to an important medical appointment.
- A new team member says yes to the challenges and opportunities of serving people in crisis.
- A physician says yes to becoming our Volunteer Medical Director.
- Board members say yes to greater responsibility and leadership.
- Donors say yes to sharing what God has entrusted to them.
- And sometimes a husband and wife say yes to one another—and fifty years later are still saying yes to God by serving others together.

But imagine the cumulative impact of thousands of faithful, prayerful yes.

- Meals are served.
- People receive healthcare.
- Families have food.
- Someone finds a safe place to sleep.
- A person struggling with addiction begins recovery.
- A neighbor discovers that they are not alone.
- Lives change.

That's the power of a quiet yes.

There is an important balance here. God isn't asking us to say yes to everything. A hurried yes can leave us exhausted and distracted from the things He actually intends for us to do.

become quiet enough to listen.

And when Christ leads us toward an opportunity to love our neighbor, use our gifts, or serve someone in need, we can respond with confidence.

Yes.

Christ empowers that yes—and God multiplies its impact in ways we may never fully see.

So I'll leave you with the question I've been asking myself: **Is Christ placing a quiet yes on your heart today?**

If that yes might lead you toward Helping Hurting People in Jesus' Name, we'd be honored to help you explore the possibilities.

You never know what God might do with your yes.

None of these decisions by themselves may seem extraordinary.

That's why we abide. We

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