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This week we step away from our journey through Acts to get a glimpse into Paul's heart through one of the letters he was writing around the same time. In a world where our calendars are packed, our responsibilities feel overwhelming, and our resources already seem spoken for, Jesus invites us to ask a different question. Instead of wondering how to fit God into our lives, what if we asked who our lives actually belong to? Through the gospel, ownership changes. Because Jesus gave His life for us, we no longer live for ourselves but for Him. When we surrender everything—our time, relationships, dreams, resources, and identity—we don't lose control; we discover the peace and purpose that come from trusting the One who gave His life for ours.

Discussion Questions:

1. The big question from the message was, "**Who owns the bag?**" What area of your life (time, finances, relationships, career, future, identity, etc.) is hardest for you to fully entrust to God? Why do you think that is?
2. Read **2 Corinthians 5:14-15**. Paul says that "the love of Christ compels us." How is living out of Christ's love different from living out of fear, guilt, obligation, or trying to earn God's approval?
3. The message challenged us to stop asking, "*God, what do You want me to do?*" and instead ask, "*God, what do You want me to do with what already belongs to You?*" How could that shift in perspective change the way you approach a decision or responsibility you're facing right now?
4. The little boy's lunch seemed insignificant until it was placed in Jesus' hands. When have you seen God use your ordinary faithfulness—your time, generosity, gifts, or daily obedience—to make a bigger impact than you expected?
5. The message ended with this statement: "*The best place your life will ever be is in the hands of the One who gave His life for yours.*" What would it practically look like for you to live that out this week? Is there one specific step of trust or surrender God may be inviting you to take?