



# Brainstorming Map:

HOW CAN I JOIN GOD AS HE  
WORKS NEAR ME?

But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working...the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.”

(JOHN 5:17,19)

## God’s working around you. Where could He be tugging you to join Him?

No, you don’t need to feel obligated to directly impact all 1,346 of your Insta followers. Sometimes breadth comes at the expense of depth.

But by paying attention and seeking to make the most of every opportunity God slides your way (Ephesians 5:16)—who knows what eternal stuff you could participate in?

*As you brainstorm and answer these questions, pray. Respond to the Holy Spirit’s presence in you.*

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## Groups of people in my life

Time for a brain dump. Think in groups both small or intimate (kids, family of origin, our Bible study, people in our community) and large (my child's swim team, our church, school parents).

*Tip:* No need to feel guilty about areas you don't interact with as much. In making the most of opportunities, **you'll need to say the right noes to say the right yeses.**

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## People with whom God's given me more connection in these areas

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## Individuals I interact with, unattached to these groups

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### Areas God may be pulling me to interact more intentionally

...whether existing, new, or a way I'd like to get out of my box. (Are there other areas in which I need to step back in order to create capacity for this invitation?)

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### People or groups I'm already caring for who I don't want to neglect

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### People I know are hurting—where I could, possibly should, step in without being weird

Circle those you feel most strongly that you should help—maybe because of your proximity, their lack of other resources, etc. Write any particular reasons you feel this way.

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**Experiences, gifts, resources, passions, abilities, and traits God’s given me for His purposes—and ways I naturally enjoy Him**

How are you made, and what causes you to naturally enjoy God? Is it on a walk, or through art, or advocating for the disadvantaged, or sharing a soul-filling meal with true friends? How can you attach your natural motivations to serving those around you?

Make a list, then circle those you’d like to explore using more of.

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**Is there a relationship or area of my life that is not reflecting my faith?**

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***Father, what have you been doing around me lately? Where do you want to send me—and what is my first step in that direction?***

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**What are my initial reactions, emotions, and perceived obstacles following these questions? Why? What could God be telling me through those?**

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