

## Morning Devotion 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026 at DCMC Hospital

*Let us be Committed to serve*

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**Scripture: John 17:19** – *“For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.”*

Beloved brothers and sisters, this morning we reflect on the words of our Lord Jesus Christ in John 17:19: *“For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.”* These words are not only a prayer but a declaration of commitment. Christ sets Himself apart, dedicates Himself fully, so that others may be made holy in truth. This is the model of Christian service and leadership: a life poured out for the sake of others, a life that says to God, “Here I am.”

In Hebrew, the phrase *“Here I am”* is expressed as **Hineni**. It is not a casual response, nor is it simply a statement of presence. It is a declaration of readiness, of surrender, of availability to God even before knowing the full assignment. When Abraham was called in Genesis 22:1, and Genesis 22:11, he answered, *“Hineni.”* When Moses was called from the burning bush in Exodus 3:4, he answered, *“Hineni.”* When the young Samuel heard the voice of God in 1 Samuel 3:4, he answered, *“Hineni.”* And when the prophet Isaiah was asked, *“Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”* he responded, *“Here am I; send me”* (Isaiah 6:8). This is the spirit of commitment that God desires from us.

Commitment has five levels, and each of us must ask ourselves where we stand. There are those who work negligently, producing below their potential, disorganized and careless. There are those who work like hirelings, doing only the minimum required, waiting to be reminded, fulfilling duty but not embracing calling. There are those who are generous and good workers, who go beyond expectations, who find joy in serving, who live out Philippians 4:8 and Ecclesiastes 9:10, working with strength and unity. There are those who are true servants, embodying humility and love, shining with Christ-like dedication, living out Matthew 20:26: *“Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant.”* And, finally, there are those who are martyrs, faithful witnesses, willing to give everything, even life itself for the sake of Christ and His mission, echoing the spirit of Ruth’s declaration to Naomi: *“Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay”* (Ruth 1:16).

The question is not only which level you are at today, but whether you are willing to move higher. Levels three, four, and five represent the spirit of **Hineni**, “Here I am, Lord.” This is the readiness to serve, the willingness to be sanctified, the courage to give all for the sake of God’s mission.

For us at DCMC, this message is not abstract. It is the very foundation of our calling. Our mission is to deliver sustainable community-based, specialized, and super-specialized healthcare for all through accessible and compassionate healthcare, guided by the love of Jesus Christ. Our vision is communities of central Tanzania and beyond living holistically healthy and glorifying God. To fulfill this mission and vision, we must rise to higher levels of commitment. We must be people who say to God, *“Hineni; Here I am.”*

This year, 2026, must be a year of growing in our commitment to service. Just as Christ sanctified Himself for the sake of others, we too must sanctify our work, our service, and our lives for the sake of the communities we serve. We must not be negligent workers or mere hirelings. We must be generous, faithful servants, and even witnesses who are prepared to give everything for the cause of God's mission through DCMC. To be able to do so, we must ensure we are in a living relationship with the one who has called us to follow Him and sent us to serve Him through service to His people; we are led and empowered by the Holy Spirit, and keep growing in our walk with Him. In doing so, we will embody the mission of DCMC and realize its vision, becoming a beacon of healing, hope, and transformation in central Tanzania and beyond.

May God help us to be a people of commitment, faithful in service, generous in spirit, courageous in sacrifice. May we, like Isaiah, say, "*Here am I; send me.*" May we, like Christ, sanctify ourselves for the sake of others. And may our communities see in us the love of Jesus Christ, glorifying God through lives that are holistically healthy and wholly committed.