

1 It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. 2 The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. 3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; 4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist.

John 13:1-4



5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" 7 Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." 8 "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." 9 "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

John 13:5-9



10 Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." 11 For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. 12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?"he asked them.

John 13:10-12



13 "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. 14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. 15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. 16 Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

John 13:13-17





Who am I?

Significant
Saint
Son/Daughter



Who am I?

Significant
Saint
Son/Daughter

lam a SERVANT.



Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

1 John 2:6 (NIV)

whoever says he lives in Christ [that is, whoever says he has accepted Him as God and Savior] ought [as a moral obligation] to walk and conduct himself just as He walked and conducted Himself.

1 John 2:6 (AMP)



BIG idea:

I am a servant of the most high King. Because Jesus came to serve and give His life away for me, I will mimic His posture and actions, freely and gladly loving and serving everyone around me, not for any recognition, but for His glory.



32 They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him. 33 "We are going up to Jerusalem,"he said, "and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, 34 who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise."

Mark 10:32-34



35 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask." 36 "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. 37 They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory." 38 "You don't know what you are asking,"Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" 39 "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, 40 but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."

Mark 10:35-40



41 When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. 42 Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 43 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:41-45



3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. 5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; 7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

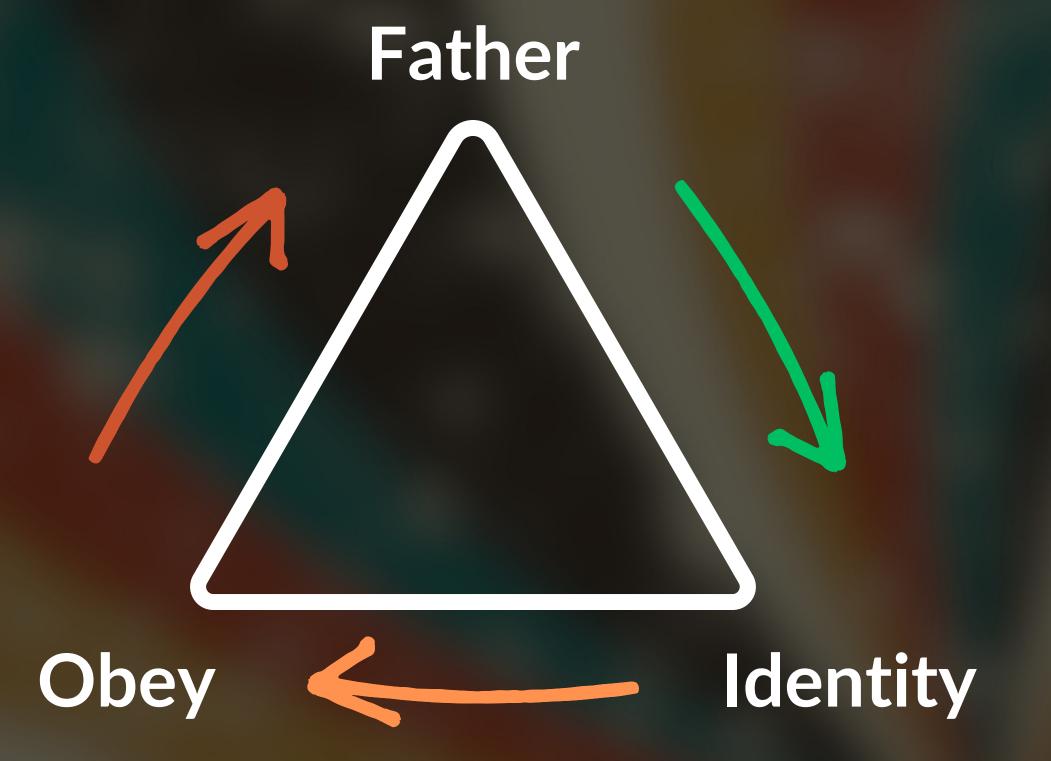
Philippians 2:3-8



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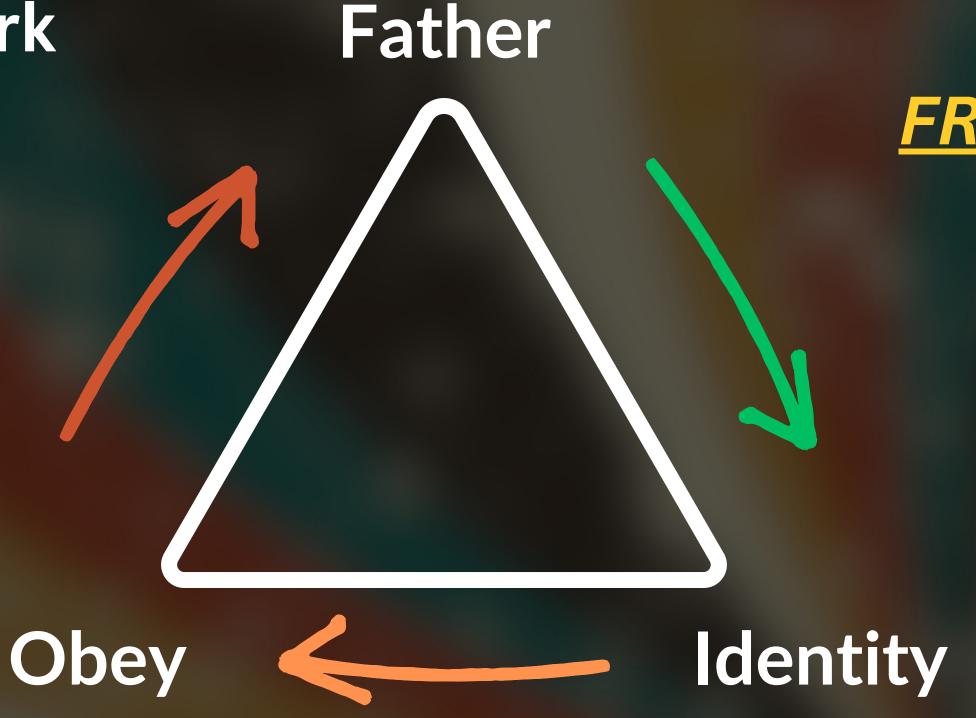




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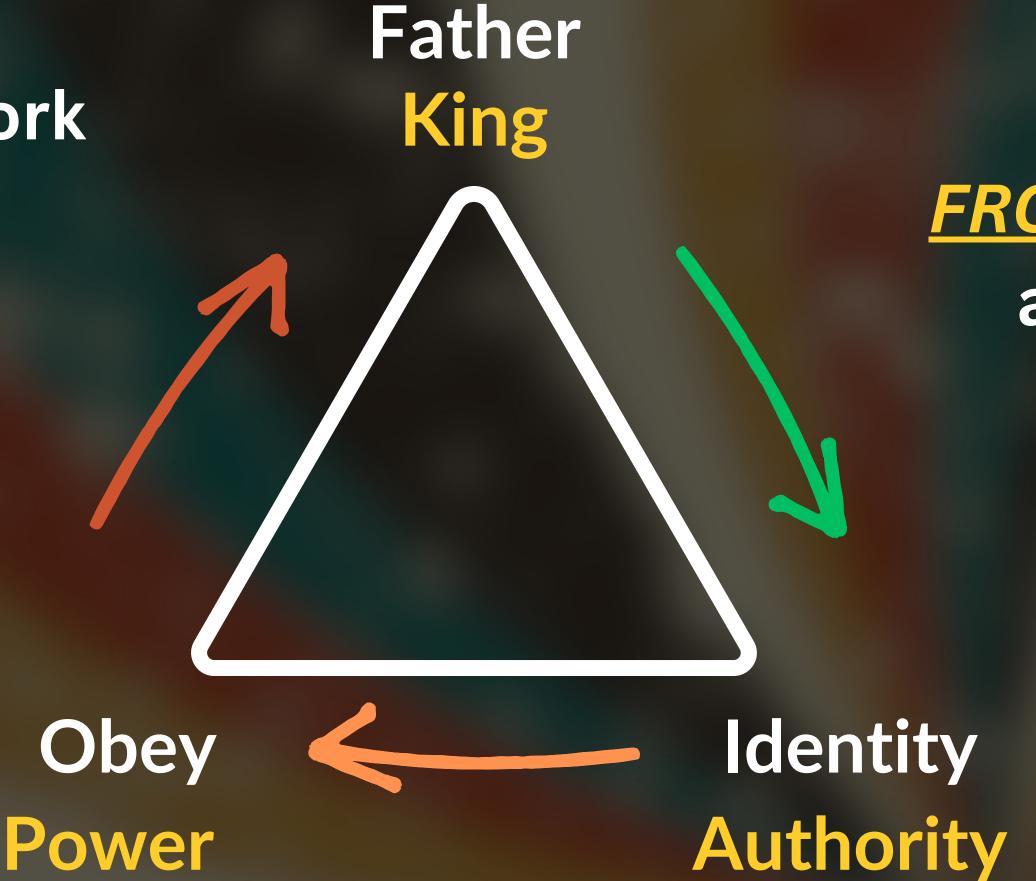
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FROM God's

approval.



We don't work FOR God's approval...



We work FROM God's approval.





A strict King
who I am
desparately
trying to please
with my good
works.

What has God done?

He is keeping track of both my bad and my good to determine what to do with me.

Who am I?

A SLAVE to sin; always feeling the pressure to cover my bad by doing more good.

What I do?

I serve others
hoping to get
the King's
attention, and
His (and other's)
approval.



Who is God?

What has God done?

Who am I?

What I do?

A benevolant, SERVANT King.

He left His throne in
Heaven to SERVE us by
becoming like us,
dying for us to forgive
our sins, then rising
from the dead to free
us from death.

A SERVANT;
as a recipient
of this gift of grace
that I can't earn,
I now live as a
SERVANT of the
most high King.

I follow Jesus'
example by serving
and giving my life
away, serving God
by serving others,
with no need for
recognition or
approval.



Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God...

Romans 1:1

This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed.

1 Corinthians 4:1





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Being a servant is the top job in the Kingdom of God. You may get more responsibility, but no higher calling.

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Father, I confess that I have tried to serve without you, to get your approval, and to merely be seen by others at times. I have not always accepted my position in life, and have looked for, and waited for a calling from You, not realizing that you have already called and appointed me to be servant of all. I have not loved and served people as You loved and served me while I was your enemy. I choose to find my significance in being seen by you alone when I serve all people. I turn away from the cycle of needing the approval of others, selfishness, and self-protection. I turn towards you, Jesus, who has approved me by your blood, who has selflessly served me and freed me to serve sacrificially. I worship and adore you as the King who came to serve and not be served and to give your life for my life and all people. Amen.

