

Selfless – Faithful in Service [2]

If someone were to describe you with the word “ALWAYS”

- He’s **ALWAYS** doing such and such...
- She’s **ALWAYS** doing such and such...

WHAT WOULD OTHERS SAY YOU ARE ALWAYS DOING?

They might say: “You’re **always** encouraging!”

“You’re **always** gripping!”

“You’re **always** finding fault!”

“You’re **always** finding good!”

“He’s **always** working!”

“She’s **always** sharing her faith!”

“She’s **always** scrolling on INSTAGRAM!”

WHAT WOULD OTHERS SAY YOU ARE ALWAYS DOING?

As we have said, we live in a self-centered, self-promoting, self-gratifying culture. It’s all about me and meism.

When you Google “self-promotion” you will find article after article on how to promote yourself: 3 of many articles:

1. The Art of Self-Promotion: Six Ways to Get Your Work Discovered.
2. Self-Promotion Is A Skill. By Forbes
3. 40 Ways To Self-Promote Without Being A Jerk

Self-Promotion has become pervasive throughout all of culture today.

- 54% of teen-agers surveyed today say their career aspiration is to become a celebrity. A YouTube star.
- Today it has become popular to become “**The G.O.A.T.**”
Greatest Of All Times

In this self-promoting, self-gratifying culture of today;

- Instead of being self-promoting, she was selfless in taking her talents and abilities and using them to help others. She knew who she was – A SERVANT OF THE MOST HIGH GOD!

AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST – HOW DO WE BECOME A FAITHFUL SERVANT?

We might say:

- I can't sew and make clothes like Dorcas did.
- I don't sing like the singers can
- I don't teach or preach like others do

Three images that should inspire you to serve as a faithful servant of the Most High God:

1. You can **BRING A LUNCH:** 1Sam. 17:17-18

- King David was a mighty man of war who rose to notoriety and power when he killed the giant Goliath.
- After battles, he was so admired that the women would gather in the street and sing of his victories over the enemies of Israel.

Why was David so great?

- Some say it's because he won the battles.
- But he was really great because he brought a lunch.
- No matter what he was doing in King Saul's court, David was great because he had the heart of a servant.

Brought a lunch?

- David was the youngest of eight sons of Jesse.
- The older brothers were in Saul's army fighting the Philistines.
- Jesse sent David to take a lunch to his brothers on the front line to see how they were doing.

1Sam. 17:17-18 "One day Jesse said to David, Take this basket of roasted grain and these ten loaves of bread, and carry them quickly to your brothers...See how your brothers are getting along, and bring back a report on how they are doing."

So David, you want to one-day fight in the battle?

- First you bring a lunch and be willing to do what may seem insignificant.

- What isn't often visible to others, or behind the scenes, is the way the Kingdom of God measures if you're eligible for greatness.
- If you want to be great – you serve. The greatest among you is servant!

Through simple obedience [bringing a lunch] you position yourself to be picked to SERVE.

2. You Can Offer A Ride:

Zech. 9:9 “People of Jerusalem, shout with joy! Look, your King is coming to you! He is the good King who won the victory, but He is humble. He is riding on a donkey, on a young donkey born from a work animal.”

Their concept of their King was to come riding on a war horse with a crown on His head defeating the enemies.

Our modern day concept would be a celebrity arriving in a stretch limo with a huge entourage surrounding him.

Back then it was like a King riding in on a moped.

A 553-year-old prophecy of His coming is fulfilled when He directs His disciples:

Luke 19:30-31 “He said, go into the town you can see there. When you enter the town, you will find a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it, and bring it here to me. If anyone asks you why you are taking the donkey, you should say, **the Master needs it.**”

You can be a faithful servant by offering someone a ride:

- This is what this business person did.
- We don't know his name, what he did as an occupation, if he owned 2 or 25 donkeys. We can assume he had a business because of the luxury to be able to afford a donkey.
- This guy simply said: YES, you can take what I have and I'll offer a ride.
- He didn't complain: “They were asking for his never ridden, low mileage donkey!” This is not Eeyore, this is the high end, upgraded model with high end hooves, it will cost a little more for this one.

He simply said: “If the Lord has need of it, I offer to Him what I have because I AM A SERVANT OF THE MOST HIGH GOD!

By offering a ride, Jesus was able to come into town and fulfill the prophecy about His coming as a humble SERVANT of the Lord.

3. You Can **Carry A Towel:** John 13:3-5 Passover season and the Last Supper.

“Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God, and went to God; rose from supper, and laid aside His garments; and took a towel and girded Himself. After He poured water into a basin, He began to wash the disciple’s feet and to wipe them with the towel.”

- The very reason Jesus has come is about to be fulfilled and a big argument breaks out among the disciples as to who is the greatest and most important among them.
- Who is The G.O.A.T. – The Greatest Of All Times.

None of the disciples were willing to wash anybody’s feet – it was the role of servants.

- Jesus looks around the room and sees proud hearts and dirty feet and puts on the servant’s attire and lowers Himself to the role of the servant and washes their feet.
- The Son of God, the Living Water, the Bread of Life, the Prince of Peace, the Great High Priest, the Light of the World, the Lamb of God, the Righteous Judge, the Living Stone, the True Vine, the King of Glory, the Chosen One, the King of all Kings, the Lord of Lords, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last, the Redeemer – and HE knelt down, took a bowl, carried a towel to wash creations dirty feet.

Because Jesus knew that the greatest among us is never a self-promoter, but is always a servant.

Matt 20:25-28 “Jesus called them and said to them, you know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.

BUT I SHALL NOT BE SO AMONG YOU; BUT WHOSOEVER WILL BE GREAT AMONG YOU, LET HIM BE YOUR MINISTER; AND WHOEVER WILL BE CHIEF AMONG YOU; LET HIM BE YOUR SERVANT.

For even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered to, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

So how do we become great in God's Kingdom?

1. You bring a lunch.
2. You offer a ride.
3. You carry a towel.

A servant is not something we **do**, a servant is **WHO** we **are**!

**I AM A SERVANT OF THE MOST HIGH GOD AND
WHEN I'M SERVING OTHERS; I'M SERVING JESUS CHRIST!**

**You become great by being less about you and more about Him
therefore, more about other people**

**WHAT ARE YOU ALWAYS DOING?
WOULDN'T IT BE AMAZING IF PEOPLE KNEW YOU AS ALWAYS SERVING
THE LORD BY SERVING OTHERS.**