



## **SELFISH TO SELFLESS**

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Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead . . . .  
Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.*

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**Matthew 16:24 (NIV)** *Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.*

If you want to be great, you don't self-promote, you deny yourself and take up your cross. You allow God to promote you.

## **FAITHFUL IN SERVICE**

**Matthew 23:11 (NIV)** *The greatest among you will be your servant.*

- Serving isn't something \_\_\_\_\_.
- A servant is who \_\_\_\_\_.

**Acts 9:36 (NIV)** *In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor.*

Dorcas was known for *always* serving others.

## **HOW DO WE BECOME A FAITHFUL SERVANT**

1. Bring a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Offer a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Carry a \_\_\_\_\_.

**BRING A \_\_\_\_\_ – Serve without needing to be seen.**

**1 Samuel 17:17-18 (NIV)** *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 . . . 18 See how your brothers are getting along, and bring back a report on how they are doing.”*

David was serving, out of the spotlight, others focused, and so God promoted him to King. *The greatest among you will be your servant.* God promotes us when we are faithful in serving.

**OFFER A \_\_\_\_\_ – God, whatever I have is yours.**

**Luke 19:31 (NIV)** *If anyone asks you, “Why are you untying it?” say, “The Lord needs it.”*

A 553 year old prophecy came true because the man said “Yes.” If the Lord needs it, then I am willing to offer what I have because I am a servant of the most high God.

**CARRY A \_\_\_\_\_ – No job is beneath me.**

**John 13:4-5 (NIV)** *So [Jesus] got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet.*

*The greatest among you will be your servant.  
Serving isn’t something we do, it is who we are!*



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If someone were to describe you, with the word ALWAYS, what would they say?

You're always so encouraging.    OR    You are always gripping.  
You always see the good.            OR    You always find faults.  
He is always working.                OR    He always shares his faith.

We live in a self-promoting, self-serving, self-gratifying culture. 54% of teens aspire to be a **celebrity**: a YouTube star. They are learning to promote self, so they can be discovered. They want to be the G.O.A.T (Greatest Of All Time)!

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If you want to be great, you don't self-promote, you deny yourself and take up your cross. You allow God to promote you.

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Serving isn't something **we do**. A servant is who **we are**.

Say this with me, "I am a servant of the Most High God. When I serve others I am serving Christ."

**Acts 9:36 (NIV)** *In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor.*

She sewed clothes for the poor and cared for the widows. Her ministry was so important, God used Peter to raise her from the dead. The people rejoiced and a mini revival broke out. Why? *Instead of always serving self she was always serving others.*

## HOW DO WE BECOME A FAITHFUL SERVANT

It's not as hard as you think. I will give you 3 images from scripture. To be a faithful servant you can . . . .

1. Bring a **lunch**.
2. Offer a **ride**.
3. Carry a **towel**.

### **BRING A LUNCH – Serve without needing to be seen.**

King David, a man after God's own heart, rose to notoriety by slaying Goliath. Most people think David was great because he killed Goliath. *David became great because he brought a lunch!*

**1 Samuel 17:17-18 (NIV)** *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 [David was the youngest of 8 sons] . . . .18 See how your brothers are getting along, and bring back a report on how they are doing."*

Want to win the battle? First you have to carry a basket. David was serving, out of the spotlight, others focused, and so God promoted him to King. *The greatest among you will be your servant.* God promotes us when we are faithful in serving. Bring a lunch.

### **OFFER A RIDE – God, whatever I have is yours.**

About 553 years before the event occurred—Prophet Zechariah declared the King would ride into Jerusalem humbly on a donkey!

**Luke 19:31 (NIV)** *If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" say, "The Lord needs it."*

This 553 year old prophecy came true because the man said "Yes." If the Lord needs it, then I am willing to offer what I have because I am a servant of the most high God. He offered a ride.

### **CARRY A TOWEL – No job is beneath me.**

Just before Passover, an argument starts among the disciples over "Who is the G.O.A.T.?" John—Loved, Peter—Water, Bartholomew

**John 13:4-5 (NIV)** *So [Jesus] got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet. [Low and humiliating task—they had servants do this.]*

Jesus saw proud hearts and dirty feet. Jesus is the King of kings, the Lord of Lord, and Jesus washed feet. *Because the greatest among you will be your servant. Serving isn't something we do, it is who we are!*

**Matthew 25:31-33 (NIV)** *When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.*

34 *“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’*

37 *“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink . . . ? 40 “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’*

41 *“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’*

44 *“They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ 45 “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ 46 “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”*