

# SERVING: The Heart of Jesus

March 30th, 2025



## DAY 1: SERVING AS JESUS SERVED

### READING: MARK 10:35-45

Jesus redefined greatness through service. As you read this passage, reflect on how Jesus challenges the disciples' understanding of leadership and importance. He presents a radical idea: true greatness comes through serving others.

Consider areas in your life where you might be seeking recognition or status. How can you shift your perspective to align more with Jesus' example of servant leadership? Today, look for an opportunity to serve someone without expecting anything in return. Remember, when we serve others, we reflect God's love and become "go-betweens" for His grace in the world.

## DAY 2: THE GIFT OF SERVING

### READING: ROMANS 12:3-8

Paul emphasizes that each believer has been given gifts by God, and serving is highlighted as one of these gifts. As you read, consider your own spiritual gifts. Have you discovered your gifts yet? If serving is your gift, how can you use it more intentionally to bless others and glorify God? If serving isn't your primary gift, remember that all believers are called to serve in some capacity.

Reflect on how your unique gifts can be used in service to others. Today, pray for God to reveal or confirm your spiritual gifts and for opportunities to use them in building up the body of Christ.

## DAY 3: HUMBLE SERVICE

### READING: JOHN 13:1-17

In this powerful scene, Jesus performs the task of a lowly servant by washing His disciples' feet. This act of humble service precedes His ultimate act of service - dying on the cross. As you read, imagine yourself in the room with Jesus and the disciples. How would you feel if Jesus knelt to wash your feet? Jesus tells us to follow His example of humble service.

Today, consider a "foot-washing" act you can perform for someone else - something humble, practical, and loving that meets a real need. Remember, when we serve others in humility, we reflect the heart of Christ.

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## DAY 4: BALANCING SERVICE AND PRESENCE

### READING: LUKE 10:38-42

The story of Mary and Martha provides an important lesson about balancing service with spending time in Jesus' presence. Martha's desire to serve was good, but she became distracted and anxious. Mary chose to sit at Jesus' feet and listen.

As you reflect on this passage, consider your own life. Are you more like Martha or Mary? How can you ensure that your service flows from a place of connection with Jesus rather than anxiety or obligation? Today, intentionally set aside time to "sit at Jesus' feet" through prayer, worship, or reading the Bible.

## DAY 5: SERVING IN GOD'S STRENGTH

### READING: 1 PETER 4:7-11

Peter reminds us that our service should be done with the strength God provides, not our own. This passage emphasizes using our gifts to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace. As you read, reflect on times when you've tried to serve in your own strength and ended up exhausted or frustrated. Now think about times when you've felt God's strength enabling you to serve beyond your natural abilities. How was the experience different?

Today, before you serve in any capacity, pray for God's strength and grace to flow through you. Remember, when we serve in God's strength, He gets the glory, and we find true fulfillment.