Serve Like Jesus

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Mark 10:45

⁴⁵ The Son of Man came not to be served but <u>to SERVE</u> others and <u>to GIVE</u> his life as a ransom for many."

SERVE: diakoneo - "to minister, to wait on, to give attention to, to take care of."

Serving is doing WHATEVER you do for God's GLORY and their GOOD.

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The Truth about Serving.

1. Serving isn't a <u>PROGRAM</u> it's a <u>POSTURE</u>.

John 13:1-5

¹ Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end. ² It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. ⁴ So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, ⁵ and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.

Jesus came to serve EVERYWHERE.

- Q: Where are you going today?
- Q: How's your posture?

2. Serving isn't a <u>PLACE</u> it's a <u>PERSON</u>.

John 13:6-9

⁶ When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus replied, "You don't understand now what I am doing, but someday you will." ⁸ "*NO*," Peter protested, "*you will never ever wash my feet*!" Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't belong to me." ⁹ Simon Peter exclaimed, "Then wash my hands and head as well, Lord, not just my feet!"

Jesus came to serve **EVERYONE**.

Q: Who are you serving? Who are you ignoring?

3. Serving isn't a **DISCUSSION** it's an ACTION.

Luke 22:24-27

²⁴ Then they began to argue among themselves about who would be the greatest among them. ²⁵ Jesus told them, "In this world the kings and great men lord it over their people, yet they are called 'friends of the people.' ²⁶ <u>But among you it</u> <u>will be different</u>. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant. ²⁷ Who is more important, <u>the one who sits</u> at the table or <u>the one who serves</u>? The one who sits at the table, of course. But not here! For, I am among you as one who serves."

Jesus came to serve **EVERYDAY**.

Q: What have you been talking about but not doing?

4. Serving isn't a <u>CHOICE</u> it's a <u>COMMAND</u>.

John 13:12-17

¹² After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing? You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am. ¹⁴ And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. ¹⁵ I have given you an example to follow. <u>Do as I have done unto you</u>. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, God will bless you for <u>doing them</u>.