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In our text today, Paul and Timothy are writing to the Philippians. Most people believe it is Paul’s letter to the Philippians and that Timothy was probably taking dictation and writing it for him. In any event, both of these men are working as a team and are writing to the Philippians. Paul identifies themselves as bond-servants of Christ Jesus. The Greek word that is translated as bond-servant is doulos, which means a slave. It comes from the root word deo, which means to bind. A doulos is a slave who was bound or in bonds.

(Philippians 1:1) "Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons:"

G1401. doulos, doo'-los; from G1210; a slave (lit. or fig., invol. or vol.; frequently therefore in a qualified sense of subjection or subvency):--bond (-man), servant. [G1210. deo, deh'-o; a prim. verb; to bind (in various applications, lit. or fig.):--bind, be in bonds, knit, tie, wind. See also G1163, G1189.]

Paul identifies himself as a doulos a number of times. When he writes the Romans, he identifies himself as a bond-servant (doulos). James, the Lord’s half brother, identifies himself as a doulos in his letter to the dispersed Jews. Simon Peter, identifies himself as a doulos and apostle in his second letter. Jude identifies himself as a doulos of Jesus Christ. In the book of Revelations, John also identifies himself as a doulos. We have all these reputable leaders in the New Testament and all of them are identifying themselves as slaves or bond-servants of Christ Jesus.

(Romans 1:1) "Paul, a bond-servant (doulos) of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,"

(James 1:1) "James, a bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes who are dispersed abroad, greetings."

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(2 Peter 1:1) "Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ:"

(Jude 1:1) "Jude, a bond-servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to those who are the called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ:"

(Revelation 1:1) "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must shortly take place; and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John,"

In addition to all of these leaders in the early church, Paul also identifies Christ as a *doulos*. In Philippians 2:7, he says that Christ emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant (*doulos*).

(Philippians 2:7) "but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men."

The word *doulos* is just one of many Greek or Hebrew words that is used to describe a slave or servant.

If we go back to the Old Testament, we find that Abraham is referred to as a servant. In Genesis 26:24, the Lord appears to Isaac after he had quarreled with the herdsmen of Gerar over the wells that his father had dug. The Lord tells him that He will bless him for the sake of His servant Abraham. The Hebrew word used for servant is *ebed*. The root word is *abad*, which means to work. An *ebed* is one who works or serves.

(Genesis 26:24) "And the LORD appeared to him the same night and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham; Do not fear, for I am with you. I will bless you, and multiply your descendants, For the sake of My servant Abraham.""

H5650. 'ebed, eh'-bed; from H5647; a servant:-- X bondage, bondman, [bond-] servant, (man-) servant. [H5647. 'abad, aw-bad'; a prim. root; to work (in any sense); by impl. to serve, till, (caus.) enslave, etc.:-- X be, keep in bondage, be bondmen, bond-service, compel, do, dress, ear, execute, + husbandman, keep, labour (-ing man), bring to pass, (cause to, make to) serve (-ing, self), (be, become) servant (-s), do (use) service, till (-er), transgress [from margin], (set a) work, be wrought, worshipper.]

In Numbers 12:7 the Lord is speaking with Miriam, Aaron, and Moses. They had just spoken against Moses for marrying a Cushite or Ethiopian woman. In addition to that, they said that they could hear from the Lord just as easily as Moses. The Lord tells them, "Not so, with My servant Moses, He is faithful in all My household; with him I speak mouth to mouth..." The Lord calls Moses His *ebed* or servant. In addition to that, the Lord calls Moses a faithful servant.

(Numbers 12:7-8) ""Not so, with My servant Moses, He is faithful in all My household; {8} With him I speak mouth to mouth, Even openly, and not in dark sayings, And he beholds the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid To speak against My servant, against Moses?""

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In 2 Samuel 7:5, David is referred to as a servant. The Lord tells Nathan to “go and say to My servant David,” Are you the one who should build Me a house to dwell in?” Again, the word for servant is ‘ebed.

(2 Samuel 7:5) ""Go and say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD, "Are you the one who should build Me a house to dwell in?""

We have seen that Paul, Timothy, James, Jude, John, and Peter are called bond-servants or slaves. Jesus was called a bond-servant or slave. In the Old Testament, Abraham, Moses, and David were called servants. We could keep going. All of God’s leaders were servants.

Some of the other common Greek words that are used are: huperetes, pais, and diakonos. Huperetes means an underoarsmen. In 1 Corinthians 4:1-2, Paul tells the Corinthians to regard Apollos and him as servants or underoarsmen. According to historians, these underoarsmen were people condemned to death. They had a choice of being a slave on a ship or dying, and they had chosen to work as slaves.

(1 Corinthians 4:1-2) "Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants (huperetes) of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. {2} In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy."

G5257. huperetes, hoop-ay-ret'-ace; from G5259 and a der. of erness (to row); an under-oarsman, i.e. (gen.) subordinate (assistant, sexton, constable):--minister, officer, servant.

Pais means a boy, child, slave or servant. It literally means one who is beaten with impunity. Jesus is called a pais in Acts 3:13. The feminine counterpart is a paidiske, which means girl, female slave, or servant.

(Acts 3:13) ""The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His servant Jesus, the one whom you delivered up, and disowned in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him."

G3816. pais, paheece; perh. from G3817; a boy (as often beaten with impunity), or (by anal.) a girl, and (gen.) a child; spec. a slave or servant (espec. a minister to a king; and by eminence to God):--child, maid (-en), (man) servant, son, young man.

(Mark 14:66) "And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls (paidiske) of the high priest came^,"

G3814. paidiske, pahee-dis'-kay; fem. dimin. of G3816; a girl, i.e. (spec.) a female slave or servant:--bondmaid (-woman), damsel, maid (-en).

Another word frequently used is diakonos, which means a waiter or attendant. We get the word deacon from this word. Deacons are merely servants in the church. In Matthew 20:25-28 Jesus deals with the disciples about wanting to be first. He tells them that whoever wishes to be great shall be a servant or diakonos. Whoever wishes to be first shall be a slave or doulos. Then, He

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says that the Son of Man did not come to be served (diakoneo), but to serve (diakoneo) and to give His life as a ransom for man.

(Matthew 20:25-28) "But Jesus called them to Himself, and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. {26} "It is not so among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant (diakonos), {27} and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave (doulos); {28} just as the Son of Man did not come to be served (diakoneo), but to serve (diakoneo), and to give His life a ransom for many.""

G1249. diakonos, dee-ak'-on-os; prob. from an obs. diako (to run on errands; comp. G1377); an attendant, i.e. (gen.) a waiter (at table or in other menial duties); spec. a Chr. teacher and pastor (techn. a deacon or deaconess):--deacon, minister, servant.

We have been going through the Truth Project in Life Groups. The purpose of the Truth Project is to give Christians a Biblical Worldview. It is to be able to discern the secular worldview and not to be deceived by it. There are two very different perspectives. This is true in regard to leadership also. Jesus was dealing with the disciples about their worldly view of leadership.

In this passage the mother of James and John had asked Jesus if her sons could sit at His right and His left. In the parallel account in Mark 10:35-41, we find that the two brothers had also asked Jesus the same thing. They were caught up in positions and had a wrong view of leadership. So, Jesus tells them that they are not to Lord over people like the Gentile rulers. Instead, they are to be servants.

(Matthew 20:20-24) "Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Him with her sons, bowing down, and making a request of Him. {21} And He said to her, "What do you wish?" She said[^] to Him, "Command that in Your kingdom these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right and one on Your left." {22} But Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you are asking for. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" They said[^] to Him, "We are able." {23} He said[^] to them, "My cup you shall drink; but to sit on My right and on My left, this is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by My Father." {24} And hearing this, the ten became indignant with the two brothers."

(Mark 10:35-41) "And James and John, the two sons of Zebedee, came[^] up to Him, saying to Him, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You." {36} And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" {37} And they said to Him, "Grant that we may sit in Your glory, one on Your right, and one on Your left." {38} But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking for. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" {39} And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you shall drink; and you shall be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized. {40} "But to sit on My right or on My left, this is not Mine to give; but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." {41} And hearing this, the ten began to feel indignant with James and John."

This morning, we are going to look at servant leadership. We are going to use Jesus as our example. We are going to look at Jesus' Mindset, Jesus' Message, and Jesus' Mission.

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1. Jesus' Mindset (Attitude)

In Philippians 2, Paul encourages the Philippians make his joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, uniting in one spirit, and being intent on one purpose. What was that one thing he wanted for them? He wanted them to have the same mind as Christ. Verse five says that we are to have this attitude which was also in Christ Jesus. The KJV says to have the same mind, which was in Christ Jesus. He wanted them to have the same attitude that Christ had. He wanted them to live unselfish lives. He wanted them to have a servant's heart.

(Philippians 2:1-11) "If therefore there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, {2} make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. {3} Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; {4} do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. {5} Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, {6} who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, {7} but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. {8} And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. {9} Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, {10} that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, {11} and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

(Philippians 2:5 KJV) "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:"

What was the mindset or attitude of Christ? Though He existed in the form of God, He did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped. Jesus was not about position or authority. He already was at the highest position of authority there is. He was and is God. This was not what He was grasping or trying to get. His mind was not on power and position.

Jesus' mind was on you and I. He took the form of a bond-servant, a doulos, and humbled Himself to the point of death on the cross. A bond-servant is not looking after His own needs. A bond-servant's mindset is on serving his master. A bond-servant is serving other people, not his own needs. Jesus did nothing from selfishness or empty conceit. With humility of mind, Jesus regarded us as more important than Himself. Jesus did not merely look out for His own interests, but also the interests of others. This was the mindset of Jesus that Paul is wanting the Philippians to have.

John F. Kennedy was famous for saying, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." Where did he get this idea? This idea originated from the mindset

of Christ. He did not come here to be served, but to serve and give His life as a ransom for many. His mindset was not selfishly motivated. His mindset was to consider you and I more important than Himself. His mindset was not look out for our interests.

What about you and I? What is our mindset? What is our attitude? Do we come to church to have our needs met, or do we come to church to serve and to give our lives away? I met with David Zimpelman a couple weeks ago and he blessed me by what he said. He told me that he did not go to church for what he could get. He went to church to give and to serve. He currently ushers at the Believer's Center. That is the kind of attitude that everyone should have.

When I was up in Pennsylvania a few weeks ago, Karen told me that Lee Griego gave up much of his weekend to get Bob and Carole's swamp cooler working. He laid down his life that weekend for others. He did not merely look out for his own interests, but he looked out for the interests of others. He had the mindset of Christ.

Here is an email that I sent to Lee that weekend.

Lee, Karen told me that you spent a considerable amount of time on Saturday and Sunday serving Bob and Carole. We like to think that it is the anointing on the speakers, the worship, and this or that, that is ushering in this move of God. All that has something to do with what the Lord is doing at EMV, but, when we look at the book of Acts, it was giving, serving, and being of one mind with one another that had more to do with it. Thank you for laying your life down this past week-end to help Bob and Carole. You are a blessing to our body. Bill

In our series in Ephesians, we saw that when every joint supplies, and each individual part is properly working, it causes the building up of the body in love. When we have the mindset of Christ, that it is not what our church can do for me, but what I can do for the church, we will be a healthy and growing body.

(Ephesians 4:16) "from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love."

What area of service are you interested in? What areas are you gifted in? What needs, opportunities, vacuums, or gaps can you fill? I am in agreement with Paul, "make my joy complete by being of the same mind," having the mindset of Christ, which was to be a servant.

2. Jesus' Message

Saint Francis of Assisi has a number of famous quotes. One of them is, "Preach the gospel at all times -- If necessary, use words." He was simply stating that our message is given by the example of our lives, and also by our words. Most of the time our lives speak louder than our words. When the church begins to live out the message of Christ, instead of just talking about it, the world will begin to take us serious.

Jesus' message was not just His words, but it was preached through His life. I want to take a quick look at His words, and then at one incident in His life that preached servanthood.

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In the Introduction, I mentioned that the mindset of the world did not line up with Scripture about leadership. I am going to use a parallel account in Luke to look at this same passage.

(Luke 22:24-27) "And there arose also a dispute among them as to which one of them was regarded to be greatest. {25} And He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who have authority over them are called 'Benefactors.' {26} "But not so with you, but let him who is the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as the servant. {27} "For who is greater, the one who reclines at the table, or the one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at the table? But I am among you as the one who serves."

Jesus' message to the disciples was that they were not to seek to lord over people or have exercise authority over people. Instead, they were to be humble like the youngest and to be a servant. Here are the 12 men that He is investing and pouring His life into. It is these twelve who are going to be leading the church. And what is His message to these twelve? It is that they need to be servants. He goes on to tell them that they will be sitting on thrones and judging the twelve tribes of Israel. They are going to have an even higher position of leadership. BUT, His message right now is that they need to humble themselves and become servants.

(Luke 22:28-30) "And you are those who have stood by Me in My trials; {29} and just as My Father has granted Me a kingdom, I grant you {30} that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

In verse 26, He uses the word diakoneo for servant. We saw that there are several different words used for servant. The word diakoneo means attendant or waiter. He tells them that He was the one that served while they reclined at the table. His message was not in words alone, but in His actions and deeds.

At our fellowship meals, many of you have been blessed by Joanna and Kathleen. While you are eating and fellowshiping, they are busy serving. They are clearing plates, and serving desserts. They have the heart of a diakoneo, a waiter, attendant, or servant. They are preaching and practicing the same message that Jesus preached and practiced – serving.

Another example of Jesus' message in words and works is found in John 13. It was right before the Feast of Passover, and Jesus' time was at hand. It says in verse one that He loved them to the end. This was one of His final messages to them or His final message to them. I would think that He would want to impart to them or remind them of the most important thing in this final word. What does He talk to them about? His message in words and works were servant leadership.

(John 13:1) "Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He should depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end."

We pick up the account in verse three. Jesus rose from supper, and laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself about. Then He poured water into the basin, and began washing the disciple's feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.

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(John 13:3-5) "Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God, and was going back to God, {4} rose^ from supper, and laid^ aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself about. {5} Then He poured^ water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded."

People in that day and culture wore sandals. The roads were not paved, but were dirt. When people came in from walking about, their feet were dirty and dusty. In families that were wealthy, there would be a servant assigned to wash the feet of the guests. In the hierarchy of servants, it would be the lowest servant, or the servant with the lowest rank, that would be assigned to this job. In families that were not well to do, the youngest of the children would wash the feet of the guests. What Jesus is doing is practicing what we saw in Luke 22; He was becoming as the youngest, and becoming a servant. He was taking the lowliest and dirtiest job and was washing the disciples' feet.

We pick it up again in verse 12. Jesus puts His clothes back on and sits at the table again. He then asks them if they know what He has done. He has just given them a word picture. He has just preached a message to them with His actions. Now, He is finding out if they heard the message. Then, He preaches with words. He said, "you call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you."

(John 13:12-15) "And so when He had washed their feet, and taken His garments, and reclined at the table again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? {13} "You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. {14} "If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. {15} "For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you."

Jesus tells them that they are to be the least and learn to serve one another. If they are going to teach and lead God's people, they are going to have to learn to be servants. He says that He gave them an example that they should do as He did. One of the signs of a true servant leader is that he never asks people to do things that he will not do himself.

Most churches have a difficult time finding children's workers. There should not be any job in the church lacking workers. Jesus was willing to do the lowliest and dirtiest job. We need to be willing to do whatever jobs are needed in the church. We need greeters every week. We need someone to step up to the plate and say that I will not only greet, but I will put together a team of greeters. I will put together a monthly schedule of greeters. Instead of washing feet as people come into church, I will wash them spiritually. I will greet and pray for them as they come in. I will hug them, encourage them, and show the love of Christ to everyone who comes in.

We need people to help out the sound team. We need people to volunteer to do administrative work. We need a church directory. We need someone to volunteer to put one together. I have the ability to put together a really nice one, but that is not going to cause every joint to supply. That is not going to be the proper working of every individual part. I put one together a few months ago, and it is long outdated. I am not asking people to do something that I have not done. I am just asking people to begin serving in ways that they have the ability and desire to do.

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There are two types of service that all of us must do. There are required jobs and there are desired jobs. When my children were young and in diapers, they required some assistance. It did not matter whether my spiritual gift was diaper changing or not. It did not matter whether I had a desire to do that job or not. It needed to be done, and it was my responsibility to get it done. The church family is no different than my personal family. There are some required jobs that need to be done. All of us have a responsibility to clean up after the fellowship meals. All of us have a responsibility to take care of the children that come. All of us have a responsibility to make sure that people are greeted and welcomed.

The second type of job is a required job. I love to study and to teach. My life verse is found in Ezra 7:10. It says, "Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the LORD, and to practice it, and to teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel." That is my passion. I call it the three P's for my life. I am to prepare, practice, and preach. That is what God has called me to do. I need to find opportunities to exercise my gift.

(Ezra 7:10) "For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the LORD, and to practice it, and to teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel."

At the last church I was at, I was there for over five years and was never once given an opportunity to share with the congregation. I shared with the men at their annual retreat. I put together some equipping workshops and shared. But, I lacked an open door to share. This individual part was not working properly at that church because of the lack of opportunity. There were opportunities, but they were not given to me. My desire is to help each of you find the areas of service that God has gifted and called you to serve in. We change dirty diapers when needed, but we pour our lives into the things that He has called each of us to do. When each individual part begins to serve in the required and desired ministries, the church will grow and be built up in love. Our message in our words and our works need to be serving.

Jesus' Mission

We have seen that His mindset was to be a servant. He humbled Himself and took the form of a bond-servant. He considered us more important than Himself and so He poured out His life for us. We also saw that His message in words and works were servanthood. He gave us an example that we should follow. The third area of Jesus that we want to look at is His mission.

(Matthew 20:24-28) "And hearing this, the ten became indignant with the two brothers. {25} But Jesus called them to Himself, and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. {26} "It is not so among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, {27} and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; {28} just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.""

In the Introduction I shared with you about the Truth Project and how we are to have a Biblical view rather than a worldly view about leadership. James and John, and their mother, were trying to get Jesus to raise them up above the others. The other disciples got indignant with them. He then preaches His message about being the least of all and becoming the servant of all. They were seeking after the wrong thing. Instead of seeking for position, they should be looking for

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ways to humble themselves and serve. After Jesus has shared His message to them, He shares His mission statement. He says, “just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” He tells us exactly why He came. He tells us what His life was all about – serving and laying His life down for us.

Our vision statement is to love the Lord with all our heart, mind, soul and strength; to fervently love one another, and to reach out in compassionate love to those who do not know Christ. It is a good vision statement. A mission statement is about what you intend to do. My son David just came back from a mission in Afghanistan. His mission was to secure the city of Marjah. They were going to do this by removing all radical terrorist cells, eradicating all weapons caches, and maintaining peace and order in the city. The mission statement clearly defined what they were going to do.

Jesus’ mission statement here says very simply that He came to serve us and to give His life as a ransom for us. This was not His only mission statement. He also tells us that He came that we might have life and have it abundantly. He also tells us that He came to destroy the works of the enemy. He also says that He came to preach good news. Ultimately, He came to redeem mankind. To do that, He had to destroy the works of the enemy. He had to preach the gospel. He had to lay His life down for others. All of these activities can be summed up in one word – serve. Jesus came to serve and to lay His life down as a ransom for many.

(1 John 3:8) "the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, that He might destroy the works of the devil."

(John 10:10) ""The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly."

(Luke 4:18) ""THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR....”

Serving is merely putting others before you. Serving is looking out for the interest of others. Serving is laying your life down, putting your interests, desires, and comforts aside in order to meet the needs of others. That was Jesus’ mission.

What would a church look like where all the members had this as a mission statement. We are here to lay our lives down for one another. We are here to lay our lives down for my coworkers. We are here to lay our lives down for our neighbors. We are here to lay our lives down to see the children that come to church be ransomed. We are here to lay our lives down by being on the worship team so that people are touched by the presence of God. We are here to lay our lives down by giving so that we are supporting the work in Norway that Ryan and Hanne Roberts are doing. We are laying our lives down by giving to support the work in Budapest that John Dean is doing. We are laying our lives down by making copies of conference messages so that lives are changed. We are laying our lives down by getting to Sunday Service half an hour early so that we can greet and encourage people as they come in. We are laying our lives down by praying and bringing down strongholds, destroying the works of the enemy. What would a church look like where every member came to serve, rather than to be served? What a church look like where

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every member was working properly and every joint was supplying? What kind of impact would that church have on the East Mountains? What kind of impact would a group of people with that mindset, with that message, and that mission have on the world? The world could be turned upside down with a group of people that preached this message with their words and their works.

This morning, if you have been coming, but have not made a commitment to be part of a church full of servants, and you want to make a commitment to join, I encourage you to come and give your life away. Make a pledge to come and serve in this body. Don't come to be served. Come to serve and to give your life as a ransom for many.

This morning, if you have made a commitment to be a part of this body, but have not been serving, let me encourage you to come and stand on this side of the front. Let me encourage you to make a commitment to God to serve. Tell Him that you do not want to be in the rat race for position, but you want to have the same mindset and attitude that He had. Ask Him to give you a servant's heart. Ask Him to help you preach the message in words and works. Ask Him for wisdom in knowing where you are to begin serving in this body and outside of this body.

And finally, if you have a need in your life that you want someone to pray with you about, let me encourage you to raise your hand and leave them up. I would like for the remaining people to gather around those with their hands up and pray with them. Let's believe God to heal the sick, bind up the broken hearts, and to destroy the works of the enemy in people's lives. Let's believe God to meet our needs, whatever ever they may be. Those needs may be a job or provision, reconciliation with someone, wisdom and direction, or healing. Let's believe God to meet those needs this morning.

Holy Spirit, we ask You to come in power right now. We ask You to release Your power and Your anointing on us this morning. We ask You to manifest Yourself this morning. Make us a people for Your glory, and Your honor. Amen.

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