

LESSON 10 SERVANT LEADERSHIP: JESUS STYLE

"THE CHIEF MEANS OF RESISTING MANIPULATION IS HUMILITY — KNOWING WHO WE REALLY ARE AND FACING IT. YOU CAN ONLY SERVE BY LOVE. YOU CAN ONLY LOVE BY CHOICE. TRUE LOVE CANNOT BE THE RESULT OF DECREE, FORCE OR MANIPULATION. JESUS ALWAYS KEPT HIS STRENGTH TO MAKE LOVING CHOICES. HE CALLS US TO MAKE LOVING CHOICES NECESSARY TO BE THE SERVANT OF ALL."

-GAYLE ERWIN

"THE AUTHORITY BY WHICH THE CHRISTIAN LEADER LEADS IS NOT POWER BUT LOVE, NOT FORCE BUT EXAMPLE, NOT COERCION BUT REASONED PERSUASION. LEADERS HAVE POWER, BUT POWER IS SAFE ONLY IN THE HANDS OF THOSE WHO HUMBLE THEMSELVES TO SERVE."

-JOHN STOTT

"LOVE SERVES."

-LONDON CHURCHILL

BASIS OF SERVING: TRUE GREATNESS IS DISCOVERED IN _____

MATTHEW 20:20 THEN THE MOTHER OF ZEBEDEE'S SONS CAME TO HIM WITH HER SONS, KNEELING DOWN AND ASKING SOMETHING FROM HIM. ²¹ AND HE SAID TO HER, "WHAT DO YOU WISH?" SHE SAID TO HIM, "GRANT THAT THESE TWO SONS OF MINE MAY SIT, ONE ON YOUR RIGHT HAND AND THE OTHER ON THE LEFT, IN YOUR KINGDOM."

-THE WAY TO THE TOP IS THE BOTTOM, AND THE PATH IS HUMBLE SERVICE.

²² BUT JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID, "YOU DO NOT KNOW WHAT YOU ASK. ARE YOU ABLE TO DRINK THE CUP THAT I AM ABOUT TO DRINK, AND BE BAPTIZED WITH THE BAPTISM THAT I AM BAPTIZED WITH?" THEY SAID TO HIM, "WE ARE ABLE."

²³ SO HE SAID TO THEM, "YOU WILL INDEED DRINK MY CUP, AND BE BAPTIZED WITH THE BAPTISM THAT I AM BAPTIZED WITH; BUT TO SIT ON MY RIGHT HAND AND ON MY LEFT IS NOT MINE TO GIVE, BUT *IT IS FOR THOSE* FOR WHOM IT IS PREPARED BY MY FATHER."

-BEING A SERVANT INVOLVES _____

²⁴ AND WHEN THE TEN HEARD *IT*, THEY WERE GREATLY DISPLEASED WITH THE TWO BROTHERS.

-STRIVING FOR POSITION THREATENS _____

25 BUT JESUS CALLED THEM TO *HIMSELF* AND SAID, “YOU KNOW THAT THE RULERS OF THE GENTILES LORD IT OVER THEM, AND THOSE WHO ARE GREAT EXERCISE AUTHORITY OVER THEM. **26** YET IT SHALL NOT BE SO AMONG YOU; BUT WHOEVER DESIRES TO BECOME GREAT AMONG YOU, LET HIM BE YOUR SERVANT. **27** AND WHOEVER DESIRES TO BE FIRST AMONG YOU, LET HIM 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.”

-JESUS _____ !

BENEFITS OF SERVING:

- **GREATNESS**
- **GAIN**
- **GIVING**
- **GIFTS**
- **GROWTH**
- **GETTING OUT OF SELF**

HOMEWORK:

FINISH READING: THE JESUS STYLE BY GAYLE D. ERWIN

MEMORIZE: MATTHEW 20:27-28

AND WHOEVER DESIRES TO BE FIRST AMONG YOU, LET HIM 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 WHAT WAYS HAVE YOU SERVED IN MINISTRY IN A LOCAL CHURCH (OR PARA--CHURCH (E.G. PANTRY, KIDS CHURCH, LAWN CREW) MINISTRY?

DESCRIBE SOME OF THE BENEFITS YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED IN SERVING.

