

## **Back to Basics!**

### **Part 4: "Servants Rule!"**

Today we're going to look at one of the biggest changes and challenges of Jesus Kingdom! The Servant-Leader Model... modeled by the Greatest Leader-Servant of all history! And the "happiness" that comes from following in His footsteps!

#### **Jesus' Great Reveal!**

"Jesus rose from supper, laid aside His garments and wrapped a servant's towel around Himself. After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel ... after He washed their feet He sat down again and asked, "Do you know what just happened? You call Me Master and Lord and you're right, because I am... If I, your Lord, have washed your feet, you should also wash each others feet, for I have given you an example to follow, to do what I have done to you. Truthfully I say to you that you are not greater than Me... the sent ones are not greater than the Sender... if you know this – happy, blessed, will you be if you do it! John 13.4-17

**Jesus wanted to make certain that His disciples realized that His kingdom was servant driven! And He would tell them that if they wanted to be really happy and great – that they would be servant to all!**

#### **The Great Reveal!**

"The Lord called His twelve together and gave them power to cast out unclean spirits and heal all manner of sickness and disease... go your way and preach the kingdom of God is here – heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils, freely you have received, freely give, don't worry about what you need – the workers are worthy of their keep! **Mt 10.1-9**

"You know how it is in the world of men, how the leaders lord their position over those who serve them, and the greater they are the more authority they exercise... but it will not be so among you; whoever wants to be great among you will be your server, and those who want to be overarching will be servant to all... just like Me – coming to minister and give My life a ransom!" **Mk 10.42-45**

"The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them out two by two into all the places He would visit, saying, "the harvest is great but the workers are few..." **Luke 10.1,2**

"It happened that when the disciples multiplied there arose a murmuring because there were people being neglected in daily service and the twelve called for men of honest report, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom to be the servers! **A6**

***Up to this point there is no mention whatsoever of what they are going to "get" from His kingdom come...*** Only says that what they have need of will be given along the way... *most times!* It seems really clear that He wants them to know what it will cost... No claim to the power/glory... Humble service v. lavishly served... Stretching resources of people/get it... Among people who should/don't!

***It would seem that Jesus knows very little about advertising and baiting the hook!*** But maybe He knows something about His audience that we don't! That the true "happiness" we seek will be found in doing, not having!

#### **Associates Stories...**

The disciples returned with *joy* saying even devils obey us in your name! **Lk10.17** Peter and John heal a man lame from birth... *leaping, praising... awed!* **A3** Stephen, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and Nicolas signed on to serve... *pleased, increased!* **A6** Ananias, Barnabas and Silas sign on to help a new guy named Paul... *many special miracles!* **A9/15** Greet Phebe, Priscilla, Aquila, Epaphroditus, Mary... Salute Andronicus, Junia, Amplias, Urbane, Stachys the beloved, Apelles, Aristobulus, Herodian, Narcisus, Tryphena, Tryphosa, Persis, Rufus. Salute Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes and the brothers with them. Salute Philologus,

Julia, Nereus & his sister and Olympas... Timothy, Luke, Jason, Sosipater, Tertius, Gaius, Erastus and Quartus all salute you too! **Romans 16** (many more!)

**God's kingdom is driven by servant-hearted people!** People going deeper, further, lower, higher to build and extend the kingdom of God! People like Life Church people...

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***And many more who prepped and prayed and paved and paid the way...***

**Significance...**

When my sister was born my dad gave me a brand new bike... From the beginning made me think of "happy" when I thought of my sister! ***This past week we forever imprinted "HAPPY" with the thoughts of Jesus!*** Hundreds of kids did eating, playing, fellowshiping, worshipping, praying, learning, Jesus, with JOY!

**Significance...** Many WORKERS have called, texted, emailed to say "Thanks for letting me be part..." "It did so much for me..." ***This is the Inverted Kingdom of God unfolding in our midst!*** We were invited to come in and join the work; privilege, honor, fulfilling... And it's happening before our eyes!

**Significance...** "You have received the word with much resistance but with joy in the Holy Spirit, ***so that you have become examples to all that believe, for from you sounded out the word of God, and in every place your faith toward God is evident so that no one needs to say anything for the work itself shows what manner of entering in the gospel has found in you!*** 1Th1.6-9