

# TRUE LOVE SERVES

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## WORSHIP

Can't Stop Singing,  
You are my King  
(Amazing Love),  
Wonderful Cross

## WELCOME

Who is one public figure in history, present and past, who lives out servanthood? Briefly explain why.

## WORD

### EPHESIANS 2:10

<sup>10</sup> For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

### LUKE 10:25-27

<sup>25</sup> And behold, a lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"  
<sup>26</sup> And He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?"  
<sup>27</sup> And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."

True love is from God. He is the source of all true love and we must receive it in order to pass it on to others. It is not driven by feelings or emotions. It is not just words, but action. We previously learned how we can love and forgive difficult people. This week in The Love Series, we shall see the other side of love that comes from the heart of God: **TRUE LOVE SERVES.**

God designed us to serve and to make a difference with our life. The Bible is clear and emphatic in **Ephesians 2:10** that we were created by God to do good works: to serve God by serving others. These good works are things that God has already prepared for us to do. Whenever you serve others in any way, you're actually serving God and fulfilling one of your purposes in life. **He wants us to serve Him by serving others.** We are saved in order to serve. When you love God, you will serve people. Service is all about people. **You can serve others without loving God, but you cannot love God without serving others.** Let us have Jesus explain how this works:

### 1. JESUS DESCRIBES THE LOVE THAT SERVES

Jesus had an encounter with a lawyer who asked Him how to inherit eternal life (**Luke 10:25-27**) putting Jesus to the test. Jesus being a master teacher, knew the answer but He allowed the lawyer to answer the question himself. The lawyer quoted from **Deuteronomy 6:5** and **Leviticus 19:18 (v.27)**. Jesus replies in **v.28** to do what the Law says and the lawyer further asks who is his neighbor (**v.29**).

Jesus then tells the lawyer and those standing around about the parable of the Good Samaritan (**Luke 10:30-37**) describing the love that serves. **We are not saved because we love and serve others. We love and serve others because we are saved.** In the parable, three men were given a test. God sends us tests for us to build our faith, to see where we need to grow spiritually, and to glorify God as others watch how we respond to those tests. The priest and the Levite had no mercy nor compassion for the half dead man while the Samaritan saw a man in need and he responded. We must **see the need** whether great or small. All of them saw the need but the priest and the Levite failed to serve with love. They put themselves above the need. Unless we see the need as greater than our personal priorities, we will never serve with love. The Samaritan saw this stranger with compassion (**v.33**). His heart was filled with pity and pain. We need to have a heart of God to see the needs of people around us and to take action in service. **Philippians 2:3-4** clearly says it's not about us. It's reaching out to other people and seeing what they need and we do that with humility. To see the need of others with compassion is to see beyond yourself. It's seeing others as more important than yourself. **Love sees beyond self and willingly serves.**

The Samaritan shared his possessions when he saw the need (**v.34**). We ought to **share our possessions** too. Part of our possessions is time. He was willing to give time. He most likely was on a journey for business and this detour certainly cost him money and time. True love always costs. **If there is no cost, there is no love.**

The Samaritan in **v.35** went out of his way to **save the person.** He was so concerned with this man's life that he made all the necessary arrangements to ensure that he will be saved.

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He would come back to repay the debt. So much like what Jesus has done for us. He paid every debt and promises to return again. **Matthew 25:40** says that every time we serve others for Jesus, we're doing it actually for Him. One of the best ways that we can meet the need of others is by sharing the gospel message because that saves people's spiritual lives. That is the greatest need of others that we can serve in the love of Jesus.

### 2. JESUS DEMONSTRATES THE LOVE THAT SERVES

Jesus Himself demonstrates the love to His disciples until the end (**John 13:1**). No one was willing to do the task of washing the others' feet and there was no servant around. Jesus **saw the need** and acted on it (**John 13:4-5**). He had compassion and affection in His heart for them and as the Master, did this act of love to be an example. **If serving is below you, leadership is beyond you.** (**Luke 22:26-27**).

Jesus **shared His possessions**. Possessions are not merely material wealth but they are costly. He is the Creator, Rabbi, Teacher, Master, Son of Man, Son of God, Messiah, King, Lord, and Savior; yet, He took on the role of the lowest slave. Jesus set aside His comfort, His position of authority, and His heavenly role. **In a world filled with sinful pride, Jesus shows us that the greatest is the one who serves others in humility.**

**Philippians 2:6-7** clearly tells us that He modeled humility. Jesus went down on His knees doing this humiliating, degrading task: washing the dirty feet of sinners. This symbolic act of washing the disciples' feet was really pointing to His final act of dying on the cross. Jesus' mission was to cleanse us from our sins and to **save us**. The washing of their feet was a symbol for the washing of their souls. The dirt on their feet symbolized the dirt of sin that stained their souls. The water symbolized Jesus' own blood that washes the dirt of sin from our lives forever. Jesus was actually cleaning their hearts more than their feet. Today, we need to confess our sins directly to Jesus (**1 John 1:9**) for our cleansing. The symbol of "washing dirty feet" teaches us that we need to come to Him daily to be cleansed of the sins we commit as we walk in this world.

Jesus presented Himself as a servant even to Judas, Peter, and the other disciples who either betrayed Him, denied Him or abandoned Him in His suffering. **Jesus will lovingly keep reaching out to you desiring that you accept His gift of love.**

Knowing about these things but doing nothing is useless. Jesus said that the blessings come in the doing (**John 13:17**). Obeying what He teaches is where the real blessing is. Jesus wants you to do as He has done to touch people's lives that will change them forever. He's counting on you to be His hands, His feet, His mouth, and His heart in the lives of others.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)

### 1. Self-Check.

Have you been serving or being served more during the past week? Give specific instances

### 2. Setting It Right

What are the changes you need to make in your thinking and behavior when it comes to serving other people?

### 3. Living It Out

How do you plan to serve in love your family or other people who are hurting or in need? What will you do to extend personal service?

## WORKS

### PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

Pray to see the needs of others and for opportunities to serve to meet those needs. Show compassion, humility, and kindness to everyone. Share your resources to anyone who has a need you can meet. Especially share the gospel to them.

## WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

### I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

### II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of Public Servants a God-centered Philippines
- Repentance and Salvation
- Wisdom and timely, effective response to the pandemic

### III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

### IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

### V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends



**45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."**

**Mark 10:45**