

Make and Model: The Call to Discipleship – A Disciple is one who serves Like the Master
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What does it cost... really cost to follow Jesus? What does it cost to make disciples like our Lord made disciples?

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

*Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? **You are not your own**, (20) for you were bought with a price. So **glorify** God in your body.*

Glorify = To honor, magnify, worship.

Body = your whole body, spirit, soul, and mind... everything that makes you... you!

So the cost is everything! Your whole life, my whole life... time, talent, treasure... heart, soul, body, mind... everything invested in serving, worshiping our Master with all we all!

Ready for the adventure of complete abandonment to Jesus? Let's pray!

Matthew 28:19-20

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (20) teaching them to **observe all** that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

As you go... make disciples.

A disciple is one who:

1. Always with the Master (One with Him)
2. Becoming like the Master (Assume the identity)
3. Serves like the Master (Do what He has done for us)

This week... Serves like the Master

To serve like the Master... we need to keep an eye on what He's doing and to take seriously His teachings, commands and example.

Observe all = to guard from loss or injury by keeping a close eye upon, to store up, to heed... to preserve, maintain.

Can you see the intentionality in this passage? This is a personal, relational, purposeful and ongoing pursuit of His commands... so we can teach them to others.

Luke 22: 24-27

The disciples argued as to who would be greatest in the kingdom which they thought Jesus was about to set up... Jesus, teaches them with words and then with action.

“But I am among you as the one who serves.”

What a powerful statement... it stops the power struggle in its tracks, doesn't it?

John picks up this storyline in John 13:1-17... What do you see in this story?

Serving like Jesus begins with love and humility... He loved His guys so much that when faced with the knowledge of betrayal... He still served them.

Jesus knew who He was... knew who He belonged to. Knew His power and authority... knew all things were given into His hands... He knew His identity! He was free!

When you know who you are... you already have power and authority (and freedom) and the wonderful truth is that power and authority doesn't HAVE YOU! It doesn't own you... this is called humility.

Being powerful, having authority is not enough... it's how you use both of them. It is about position but one of humbleness and freedom.

In this story we see what Jesus does with absolute power. He serves.

Jesus teaches the disciples a huge lesson on discipleship... when you have power and authority... serve from that place. Peter... It's not about washing feet; it's about your heart, your willingness, your attitude and your understanding of my heart.

It's not the act of humility does not define us... our identity as sons and daughters (as disciples) drives our actions. We guard the commands, we keep them and we use our whole body as vessels of worship to serve.

Galatians 5:13-14

“For you, brothers, were called to freedom; but do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh. Rather, serve one another in love. (14) The entire Law is fulfilled in a single decree: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

John 13:34-35

“A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so also you must love one another. (35) By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.”

Free people serve, we do what He has done for us and the Scripture say we're blessed when we do! (verse 17) To love others as we love ourselves is difficult enough... to love as Jesus loves is a huge step of discipleship... but this is what it means to serve like Jesus. To offer the gift of ourselves to others is unheard of in this self-driven world. But to offer ourselves like Jesus

commands (yes commands)... that's crazy love. His love was displayed through the misunderstandings of who He was, through the betrayal, the beatings and on the cross. We serve like the Master when we humbly love like Him... a love that serves no self-interest but the needs of others.

Philippines 2:3-8

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. (4) Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. (5) Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, (6) who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, (7) but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. (8) And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

It takes power and authority (over self) to be humble... to serve like the Master. I must embrace this truth... I am no longer my own... I've been bought with a price, a ransom was paid for my freedom and now I'm free to serve like Him.