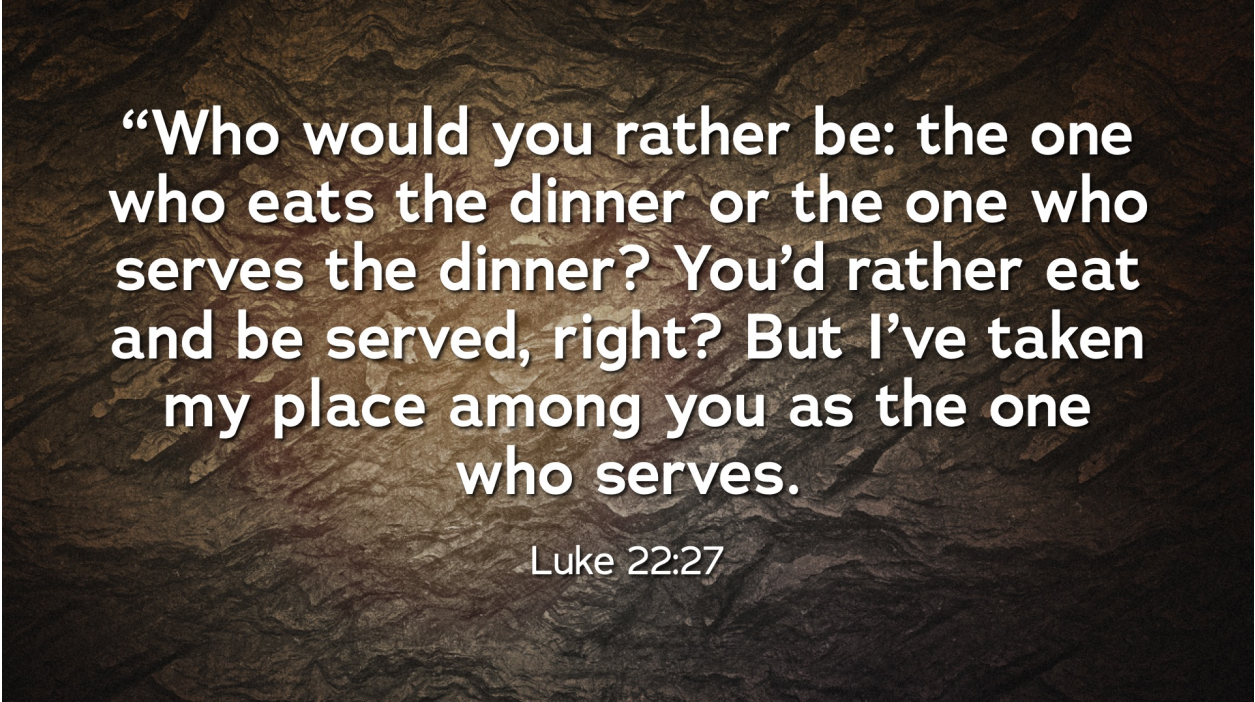




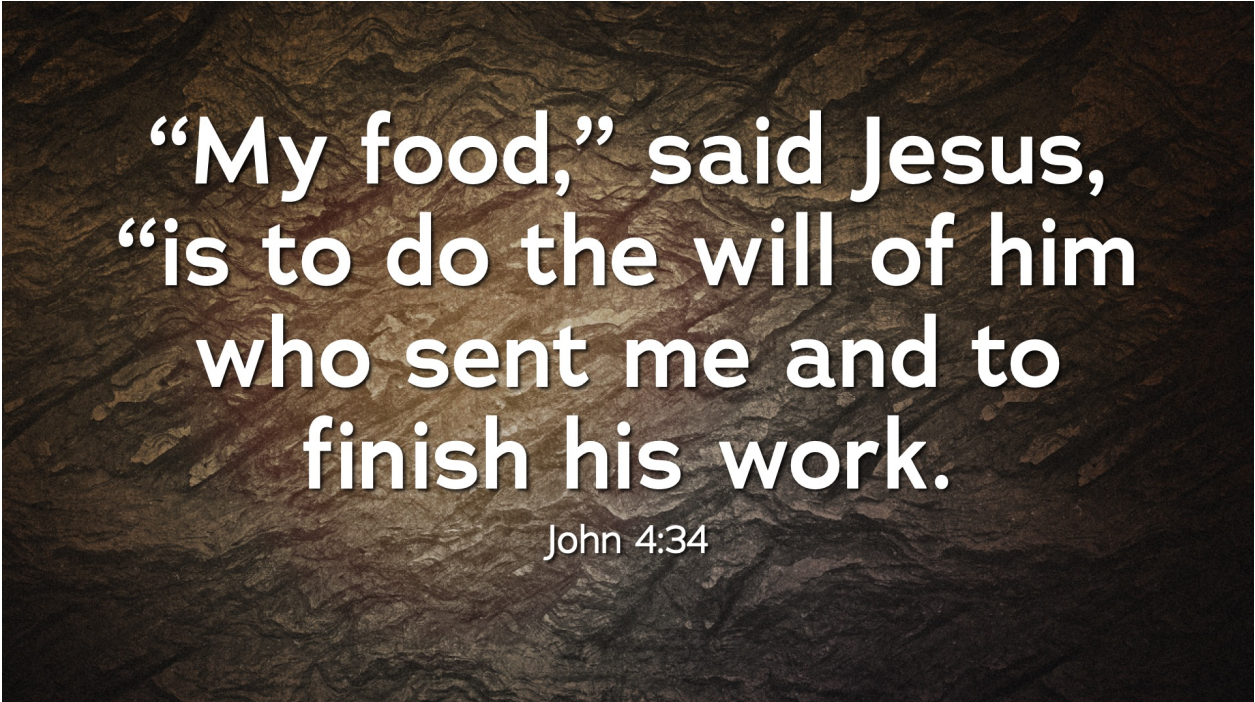
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but to serve, and to give his
life as a ransom for many.”**

Mark 10:45



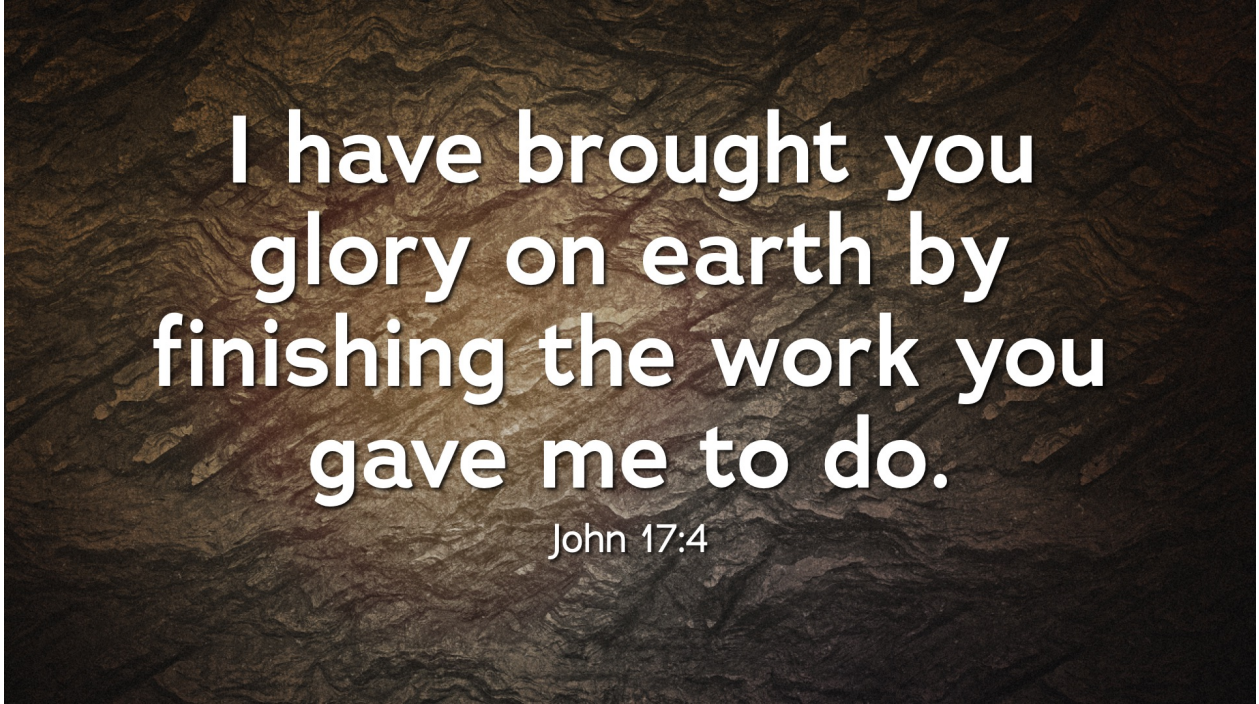
“Who would you rather be: the one who eats the dinner or the one who serves the dinner? You’d rather eat and be served, right? But I’ve taken my place among you as the one who serves.

Luke 22:27



“My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.

John 4:34



I have brought you
glory on earth by
finishing the work you
gave me to do.

John 17:4



**If being a servant was at the
core of Jesus' identity, it must
also be the core identity of His
Church.**





A Church Built on Servanthood

If, then, there is any encouragement in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, make my joy complete by thinking the same way, having the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves. Everyone should look not to his own interests, but rather to the interests of others.

Adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus, who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be exploited. Instead he emptied himself by assuming the form of a servant, taking on the likeness of humanity. And when he had come as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death — even to death on a cross.

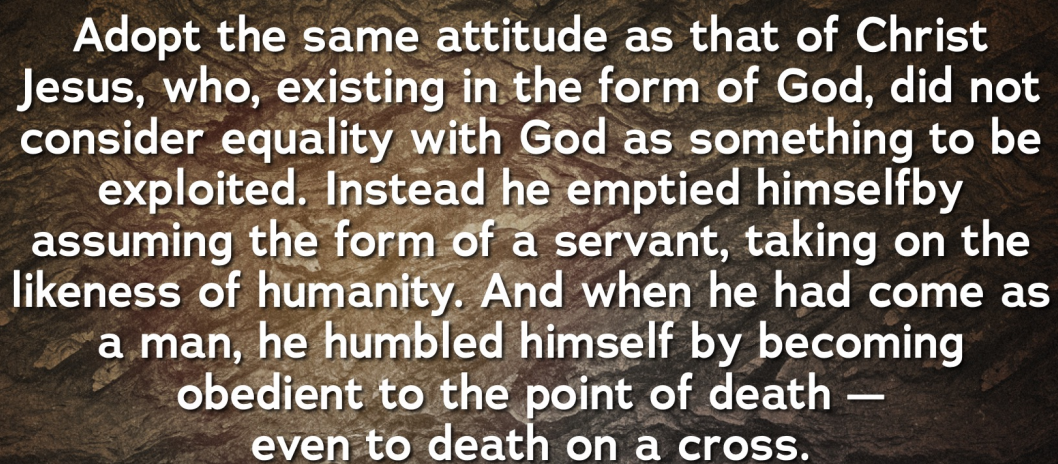
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Philippians 2:1-11



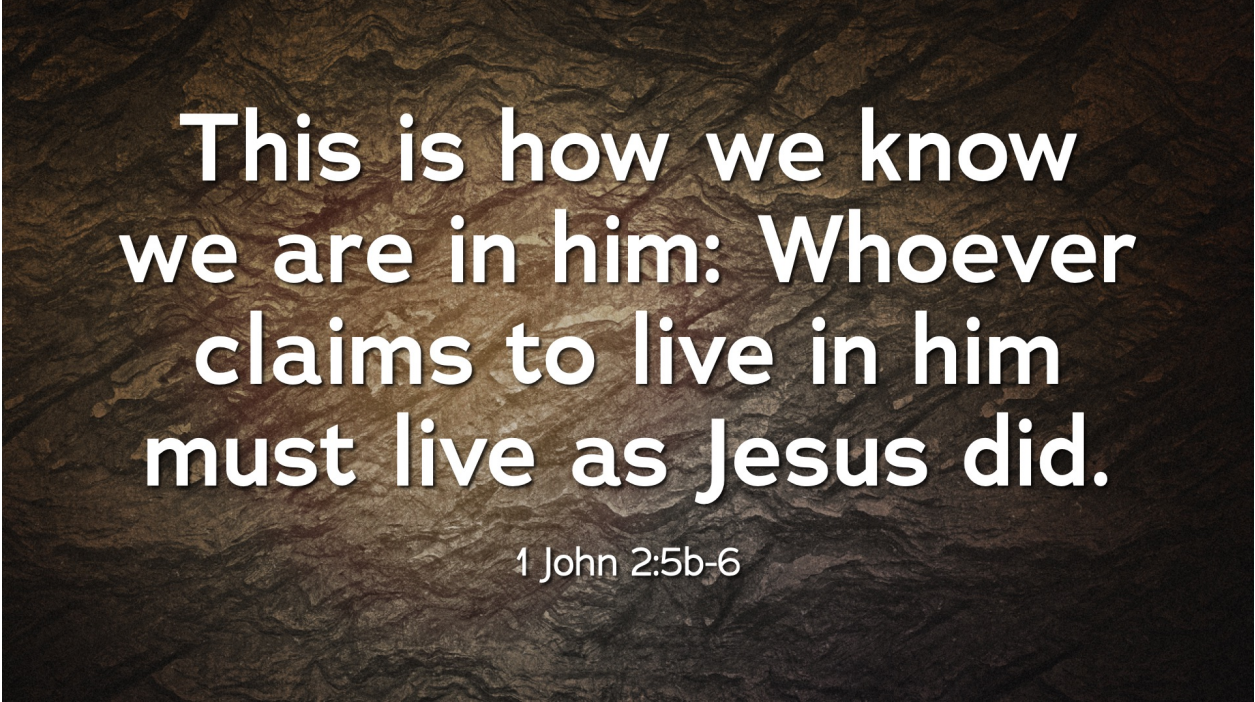
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(Phil 2:1-4)



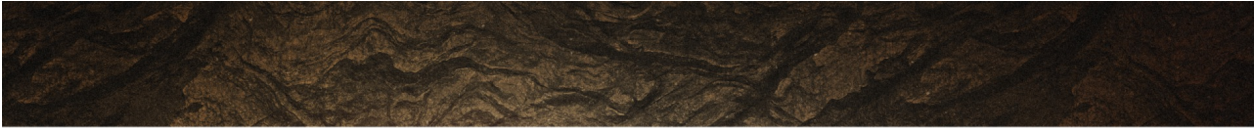
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Philippians 2:5-8




This is how we know
we are in him: Whoever
claims to live in him
must live as Jesus did.

1 John 2:5b-6



**Christ's Church empties
ourselves of what gets in the
way of serving
(Phil 2:5-8)**





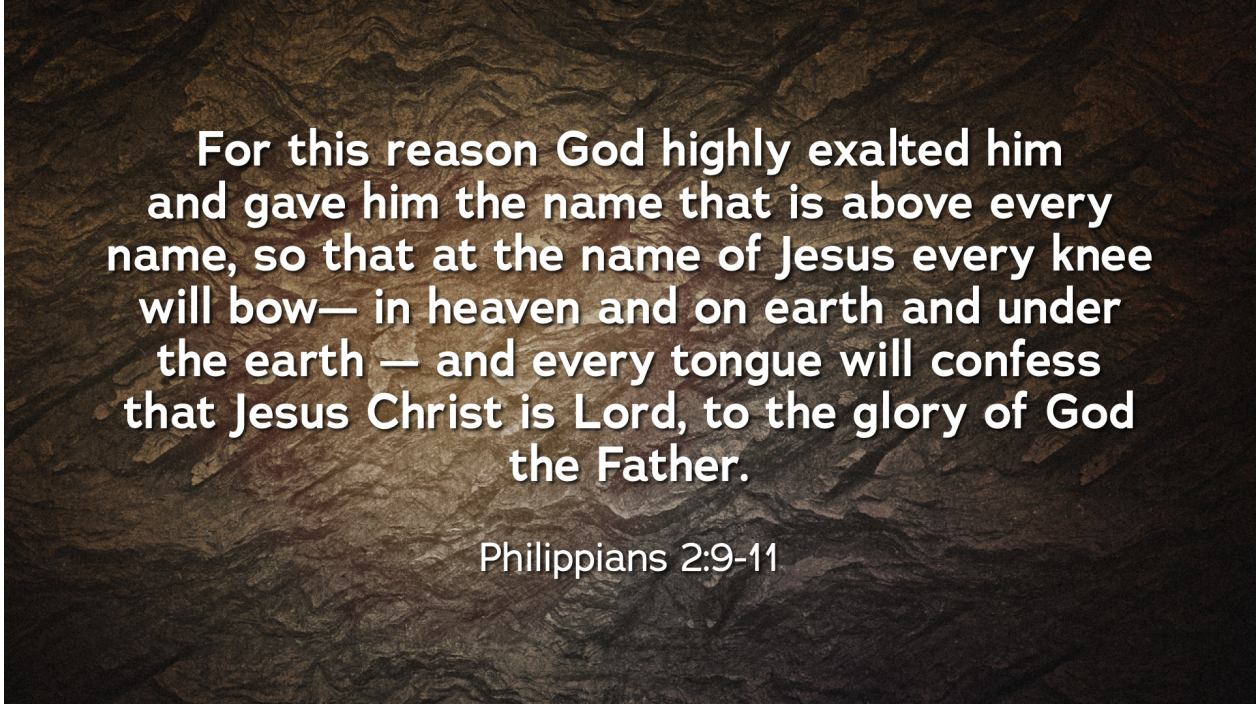
What do I need to empty myself of to serve?



Do I need to empty myself of...

- **Self-centered-ness...**
- **the need to lead...**
- **busyness...**
- **a fear of not being perfect...**
- **mistrust of others...**

...in order to serve?



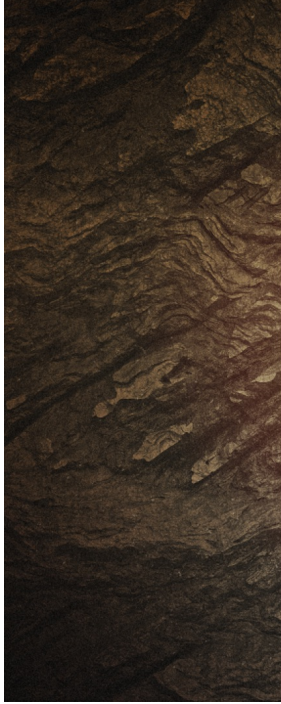
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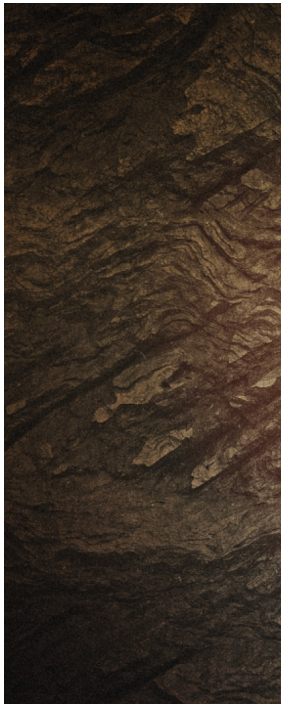
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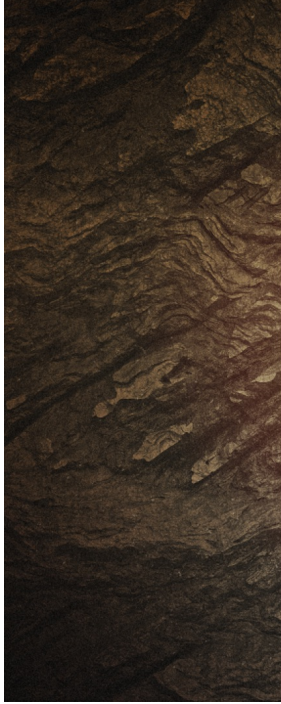
Serving for the sake of the Kingdom...

- **...blesses us to become more like Christ**
- **...positions others to experience the blessings of Christ**



A Servant's Prayer

**I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will, rank me with whom
you will;
put me to doing, put me to suffering;
let me be employed by you, or laid aside for
you,
exalted for you, or brought low for you;
let me be full,
let me be empty,
let me have all things,
let me have nothing**



I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal. And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours.

So be it.

And may the covenant now made on earth, be ratified in heaven.

Amen