

# SERVE-US versus SERVICE

## What Would Jesus Undo: Part 3

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*“But Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”” (Matthew 20:25–28, NLT)*

### What are My Deepest Needs?

1. **HUMILITY**: I need to stop thinking of myself.
2. **CAMARADERIE**: I need loving relationships.
3. **COMMUNITY**: I need help in times of need.
4. **MATURITY**: I need improvement.
5. **NECESSITY**: I need to be needed.

### How serving meets my deepest needs

#### 1. Serving defeats **SELFISHNESS**.

*We should think about others and not about ourselves. (1 Corinthians 10:24, CEV)*

*Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand. (Philippians 2:4b, MSG)*

#### 2. Serving defeats **LONELINESS**.

*For we are partners working together for God... (1 Corinthians 3:9, GNB)*

*In Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. (Romans 12:5, NIV)*

#### 3. Serving defeats **DEPRESSION**.

*Two are better off than one, because together they can work more effectively. If one of them falls down, the other can help him up. But if someone is alone and falls, it's just too bad, because there is no one to help him. (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, GNT)*

#### 4. Serving develops **CHARACTER**.

*The whole body is fitted together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. (Ephesians 4:16, NLT)*

5. Serving makes a DIFFERENCE.

*“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.” (Matthew 5:14–16, NLT)*

