

4/12/26 (Mission Church) Outline

## Serving The Lord ~ and Others

“<sup>18</sup> And when they had come to him, he said to them,  
“You yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia, how I was with you the whole time, <sup>19</sup> **servicing the Lord** with all **humility** and with **tears** and with **trials** which came upon me through the plots of the Jews; <sup>20</sup> how I did not shrink from **declaring** to you anything that was profitable, and **teaching** you publicly and from house to house, <sup>21</sup> solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of **repentance** toward God and **faith** in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup> And now, behold, **bound by the Spirit**, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup> except that the Holy Spirit solemnly testifies to me in every city, saying that **bonds and afflictions** await me. <sup>24</sup> But **I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself**, so that I may finish my course and **the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God.**”  
**Acts 20:18-24 (NASB)**

### 1. Serving The Lord...

The word serving here means, to be a slave... or to be in bondage

“For though I am free from all *men*, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I may win more.” **1 Corinthians 9:19 (NASB)**

### 2. Serving The Lord With all Humility...

“God is opposed to the proud, but gives **grace to the humble.**”  
**James 4:6 (NASB)**

Humility In mind ~ (lowliness) - you don't think your better than anyone else

“Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves”

**Philippians 2:3** (NASB)

Humility In body ~ Idea of modesty - You don't act like your better than anyone else

Humility in Spirit ~ You treat everyone with the same attitude that Jesus did

### 3. Serving The Lord With Tears...

[**John 11:33**] “When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her *also* weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and was troubled

[**John 11:35**] “Jesus wept”

Don't ever think Jesus Doesn't care about your feelings and what you're going through

“Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. <sup>36</sup> But when He saw the multitudes, He was ***moved with compassion*** for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.”

**Mt.9:35-36** (NKJV)

#### 4. Serving The Lord With trials

(KJV – temptations) meaning experiencing evil to be tried...

Trials prove who we are in Christ

1. Through good
2. Through evil
3. Through adversity

All is used by the Lord to,

1. Examine our hearts
2. Discipline our minds
3. And endeavor to lead us closer to God!

“We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. <sup>4</sup> And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. <sup>5</sup> And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.”

**Romans 5:3-5 (NLT)**