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SCRIPTURES TO STUDY

- Lord, Increase our Faith: Luke 17:5-10 NASB
- I Am a Slave of Christ: Romans 1:1 NLT
- Bought With a Price: 1 Corinthians 6:19 ESV
- It's a Choice: Deut. 30:19, Rev. 3:20 ESV
- Slave of God or Sin: Rom 6:18,20,22 ESV
- Slave Status: Galatians 4:1-3 ESV
- From Slaves to Friend: John 15:15 NASB
- Dominion: Gen 1:26, Psa 115:16 ESV
- Centurion Soldier: Matthew 8:5-10 NASB
- All in Order: 1 Corinthians 14:40 ESV
- Mind Shift: Romans 12:2 AMPC
- Child Like Faith: Heb 11:6 ESV, Matt. 18:3-4 AMPC
- Christ, The Form of Slave: Philippians 2:5-11 NLT
- God's Priorities: John 17:24, Exodus 29:45-46 ESV, John 1:14 AMPC, Revelation 21:3 ESV

MAIN POINTS, DEFINITIONS & APPLICATION

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In order to understand faith, you need to understand slavery.

Slave: 'eved / doulos

- *one who belongs to another*
- *under another's authority*
- *lives in service to that master's will*
- *devoted to another to the disregard of one's own interests.*

Under human evil, slavery

- *exploitation*
- *dehumanization*
- *being used for another person's gain.*

God can't gain status - He Is.

He cannot become more glorious.

He cannot become more God.

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Why Slavery to God is Right

1. Order / Ownership

God is Creator. What He creates belongs to Him.

Not:

Theft or domination

It is the

- *rightful claim of the Creator over His creation.*

The One who authored my life has rightful authority over my life

2. Redemption / Purchase

God is Redeemer.

The life purchased belongs to the One who paid the price - Christ's blood.
Redemption = second claim: He made us and He bought us back.

3. Choice / Willing Submission

Not forced labor. He commands, calls and claims rightful ownership but He still calls for a real response.

4. Relationship / Posture:

The one who made me, bought me, loved me FIRST and knows me, my purpose and destiny.

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THE POSTURE

**“I willingly belong to a good
Master whose will I’m
submitted to because I trust
His will above my own.”**

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“I’d rather be a slave in His kingdom than ‘sovereign’ in outer darkness.”

Ownership establishes the rightful order.

Redemption establishes the cost.

Choice establishes consent.

Relationship establishes the trust.

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To be a slave of Christ/righteousness is freedom:

- *free from sin's rule*
- *free to live according to what you were made for*
- *free to become fruitful in the life of Christ*
- *His commandments are not burdensome*
- *Free to Love*

You still may be in slave status as a child of God. (Gal 4:1-3 ESV)

In order to understand faith, you need to understand slavery. Because slavery is all about order.

Jesus used slavery in explaining the mindset behind faith

"Unworthy" does not mean worthless.

- It means the slave has no special claim over the master and has not placed the master in his debt.

Master → Command → Slave → Obedience = What else do you expect? This is order.

Obedience isn't currency. It's our baseline duty.

This is the same way to think concerning you and creation.

If the:

The Son → commands → creation → obeys

Then:

Sons → command → creation → obeys

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Don't be shocked when the:

- *Winds and the waves obey you*
- *Devils are cast out*
- *Healing and multiplication of food*

That's the order. That's our baseline duty.

Obedience isn't currency. Neither is the miraculous. It's our baseline duty.

- *There is an established order within creation that is designed to respond to the Creator's authority.*

Laws that govern reality designed by God that cannot be avoided.

Faith is confidently acting in the authority already present within you.

Jesus marveled and called Centurion soldier's faith great faith.

Why?

Because the centurion understood faith through the lens of slave/master/authority:

- *the authorized person speaks*
- *the word carries authority*
- *what is under that authority obeys*

Of course it obeys. That is the order.

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HOW TO WALK THIS FAITH OUT?

- 1. Understand this is a Mind Shift***
- 2. Child like faith.***
- 3. PRIORITIZE WHAT GOD PRIORITIZES***

What does He prioritize?

- Togetherness, Oneness, Love, trust, union, communion. shared life in Christ.***

Panda Story:

"Which is more important," asked Big Panda, "the journey or the destination?"

"The company." said Tiny Dragon.

WHY SLAVERY TO GOD IS RIGHT

1. ORDER / OWNERSHIP

GOD IS CREATOR. WHAT HE CREATES BELONGS TO HIM.

2. REDEMPTION / PURCHASE

GOD IS REDEEMER.

3. CHOICE / WILLING SUBMISSION

NOT FORCED LABOR.

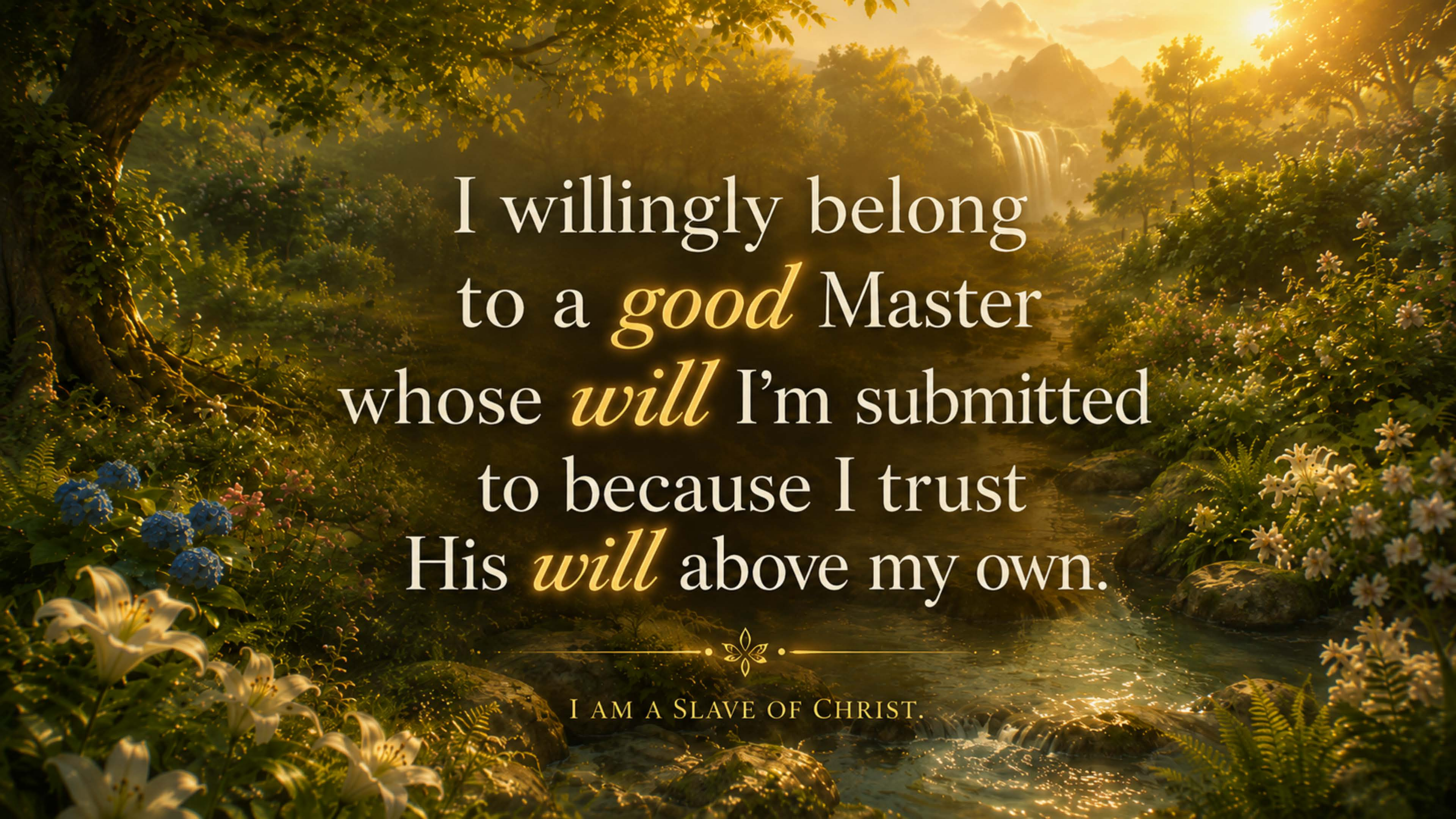
4. RELATIONSHIP / POSTURE

TRUST

SLAVE: 'EVED / DOULOS

HEBREW & GREEK MEANING

- ONE WHO **BELONGS** TO ANOTHER
- **UNDER** ANOTHER'S AUTHORITY
- LIVES IN SERVICE TO THAT **MASTER'S WILL**
- **DEVOTED** TO ANOTHER TO THE
DISREGARD OF ONE'S OWN INTERESTS

A lush, sunlit forest scene with a stream, waterfall, and various flowers. The sun is low in the sky, creating a warm, golden glow. The stream flows through the center, with a small waterfall in the background. The foreground is filled with green foliage, white lilies, and blue hydrangeas. The text is centered over the scene.

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GOD LOGIC

ESTABLISHED ORDER WITHIN CREATION

IF THE:

THE SON → COMMANDS → CREATION → OBEYS

THEN LIKEWISE:

SONS → COMMAND → CREATION → OBEYS



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