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## Grace Community Church of Topsail

August 3, 2025: What is a Faithful Servant of Christ? Luke 12:35-48

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*Bible Study*

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### Daniel 7:13-14 ESV

 "I saw in the night visions,

and behold, with the clouds of heaven  
there came one like a son of man,  
and he came to the Ancient of Days  
and was presented before him.  
And to him was given dominion...




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### Crown Him With Many Crowns

### It Is Finished

### 1 Peter 2:24-25 ESV

 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,  
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.  
By his wounds you have been healed. For you were  
straying like sheep, but have now returned to the  
Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.



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### Holy And Anointed One

### I Stand Amazed (My Saviour's Love)


### And Can It Be (Sagina)

- Today's Sermon -

## What is a Faithful Servant of Christ?

Luke 12:35-48

### Luke 12:35-48 ESV

 "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps  
burning, and be like men who are waiting for their  
master to come home from the wedding feast, so  
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
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Luke 12:32-40

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### A. Freely

1 Peter 2:16

1 Peter 2:16 ESV

Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.

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### B. Like Christ

Mark 10:45

Mark 10:45 ESV

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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### C. Not to Impress Christ

Acts 17:24-25

Acts 17:24-25 ESV

The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and...

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### D. In the strength God supplies.

1 Peter 4:10-11

1 Peter 4:10-11 ESV

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God...

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### E. Sacrificially

Philippians 2:5-7

#### Philippians 2:5-7 ESV

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ”

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Christian servanthood is serving others in Christ's strength using the gifts and grace He provides to lovingly and humbly meet the needs of those around us for God's glory.

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A faithful servant serves as if Jesus is coming back today.

Luke 12:39-40

#### Luke 12:39-40 ESV

But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

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#### 1 Thessalonians 5:2 ESV

For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ”

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#### 2 Peter 3:10 ESV

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. ”

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#### Revelation 3:3 ESV

Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you. ”

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#### 2 Corinthians 5:10-11 ESV

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known... ”



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Your servanthood does not determine your salvation but demonstrates it.

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A faithful servant serves with an awareness of their accountability to Christ.

Luke 12:40-48

■ **Luke 12:40-48** ESV

“You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.” Peter said, “Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?” And the Lord said, “Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over...”

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Faithful = Reliable, steadfast, loyal, trustworthy, unwavering commitment, fulfilling responsibilities, and living with integrity in relationship to God and fellow humans in character and actions.

Wisdom = Godly insight, Godly understanding, aligning one's life with God's will, knowing God's word, applying it practically and living a life that reflects moral and spiritual discernment.

■ **Genesis 12:2-3** ESV

“And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be...”

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Luke 12:35-48

Communion





Matthew 20:28 ESV

“even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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Philippians 2:4-11 ESV

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,...”

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1 Corinthians 11:27-29 ESV

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and...

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1 Corinthians 11:23-26 ESV

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In...

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## INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE SAFETY TEAM?



"Be sober-minded; be watchful.  
Your adversary the devil prowls  
around like a roaring lion,  
seeking someone to devour."

See John Newber for details

## Nursery

Newborn - Toddlers

10am Volunteer Opportunities

Contact:  
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Missionaries that GCT Supports

Prayer Before Sunday Morning Worship,  
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"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances." — 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Accountability & Discipleship

## Men's Group

Tuesday Morning @ 6am  
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