

**Before I Go**  
**Part I; February 22, 2026**

**John 13:1-17 (NLT)**

**“Serving Your Way to the Top”**

**The greatest among you must be a servant.**

– Matthew 23:11 (NLT)

Serving \_\_\_\_\_ others to us.

Impressing people catches their attention.  
Serving people captures their hearts!

**I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep.**

– John 10:11 (NLT)

Serving keeps our \_\_\_\_\_ in check.

**Do you know where your fights and arguments come from? They come from the selfish desires that make war inside you.**

– James 4:1 (ERV)

Serving aligns our hearts  
with the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

**And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other’s feet.**

– John 13:14 (NLT)

**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.**

– Mark 10:45 (NLT)

Serving comes from being secure  
in our \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.

**Jesus knew...that he had come from God and would return to God.**

– John 13:3 (NLT)

Serving is the holy use of \_\_\_\_\_.

**He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless.**

– Isaiah 40:29 (NLT)

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.**”

– Matthew 20:25-26 (NLT)