



A Call to Serve

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IT'S NOT ABOUT YOU.

THE PURPOSE OF YOUR LIFE IS FAR GREATER THAN YOUR OWN PERSONAL FULFILLMENT, YOUR PEACE OF MIND, OR EVEN YOUR HAPPINESS. IT'S FAR GREATER THAN YOUR FAMILY, YOUR CAREER, OR EVEN YOUR WILDEST DREAMS AND AMBITIONS. IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHY YOU WERE PLACED ON THIS PLANET, YOU MUST BEGIN WITH GOD. YOU WERE BORN BY HIS PURPOSE AND FOR HIS PURPOSE.

THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE - RICK WARREN

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

MARK 9:30-37

And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

MARK 9:30-37

No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

MATTHEW 6:24



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*A WHOLE NEW GENERATION OF
CHRISTIANS HAS COME UP BELIEVING
THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO ‘ACCEPT’
CHRIST WITHOUT FORSAKING THE
WORLD.*

A.W. TOZER

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

GALATIANS 2:20



I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

ROMANS 12:1-2



Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

MATTHEW 16:24



But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

MATTHEW 20:25

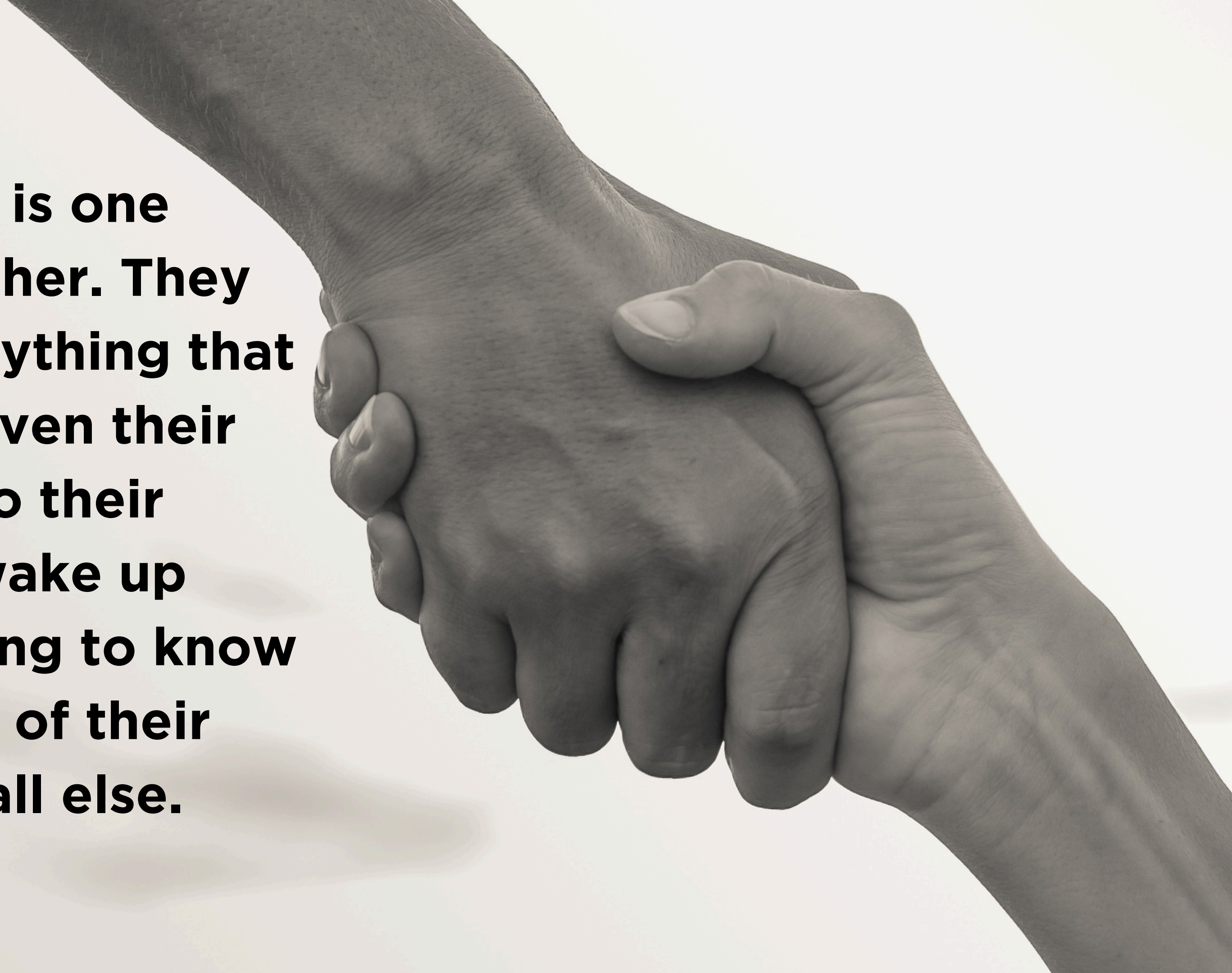


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A bondservant is one owned by another. They do not have anything that is their own - even their time belongs to their master. They wake up each day seeking to know and do the will of their master above all else.



A close-up photograph of a hand holding a weathered, greenish-brown metal pitcher. The pitcher is tilted, and a stream of water is pouring out from its spout. The background is dark and out of focus, showing some green foliage. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

*Earmarks of an
authentic servant:*

**1. FRIEND OF
GOD-INTIMACY**

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WITH JESUS CHRIST AND SURE OF
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ANONYMOUS



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**3. FRUIT OF THE
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IN US**

A hand is shown holding a weathered, greenish-brown metal pitcher. The pitcher has a textured, aged appearance with some rust and discoloration. Water is being poured from the spout of the pitcher, creating a stream of water that falls towards the bottom of the frame. The background is dark and out of focus.

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**4. WE WILL BE
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A close-up photograph of a hand holding a weathered, green and yellow metal pitcher. The pitcher is tilted, and a stream of water is pouring out from its spout. The background is dark and out of focus.

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**5 .THOSE YOU SERVE ARE GROWING
IN CHRIST LIKENESS**

A hand is shown holding a weathered, greenish-grey metal pitcher. The pitcher has a handle and a spout, and it is pouring water. The background is dark and out of focus.

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**6. PARTICIPATING IN HEALTHY FELLOWSHIP
WITH OTHER BELIEVERS**

Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4



So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

JOHN 13:12-17

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“WE ARE ALL IN FULL TIME CHRISTIAN SERVICE. WE HAVE DIFFERENT DISGUISES BUT THE SAME VOCATION; TO BE OUT AND OUT LOVERS AND SERVANTS OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST... NO DICHOTOMY EXISTS BETWEEN MINISTRY AND LIFESTYLE.”

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