



Jesus: The Servanthood of Hospitality

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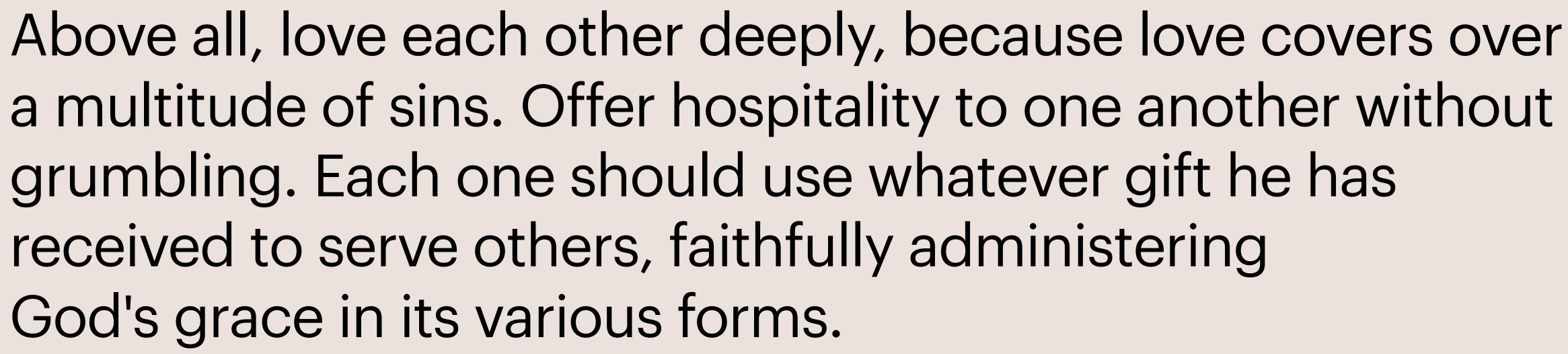
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Hospitality isn't always easy. It involves time, work, & cost.



1 Peter 4:8-10 grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.





Hebrews 13:16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Romans 12:13 Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.





John 13:1-17 hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the loved them to the end. The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash





Hospitality: The thoughtful anticipation of needs; eager and willing preparation and service to meet those needs, providing enjoyment and comfort



John 13:1-17 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place...



"Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. See, I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."



The Church is a Society of Mutual Interdependence.



Community depends on serving and hospitality.



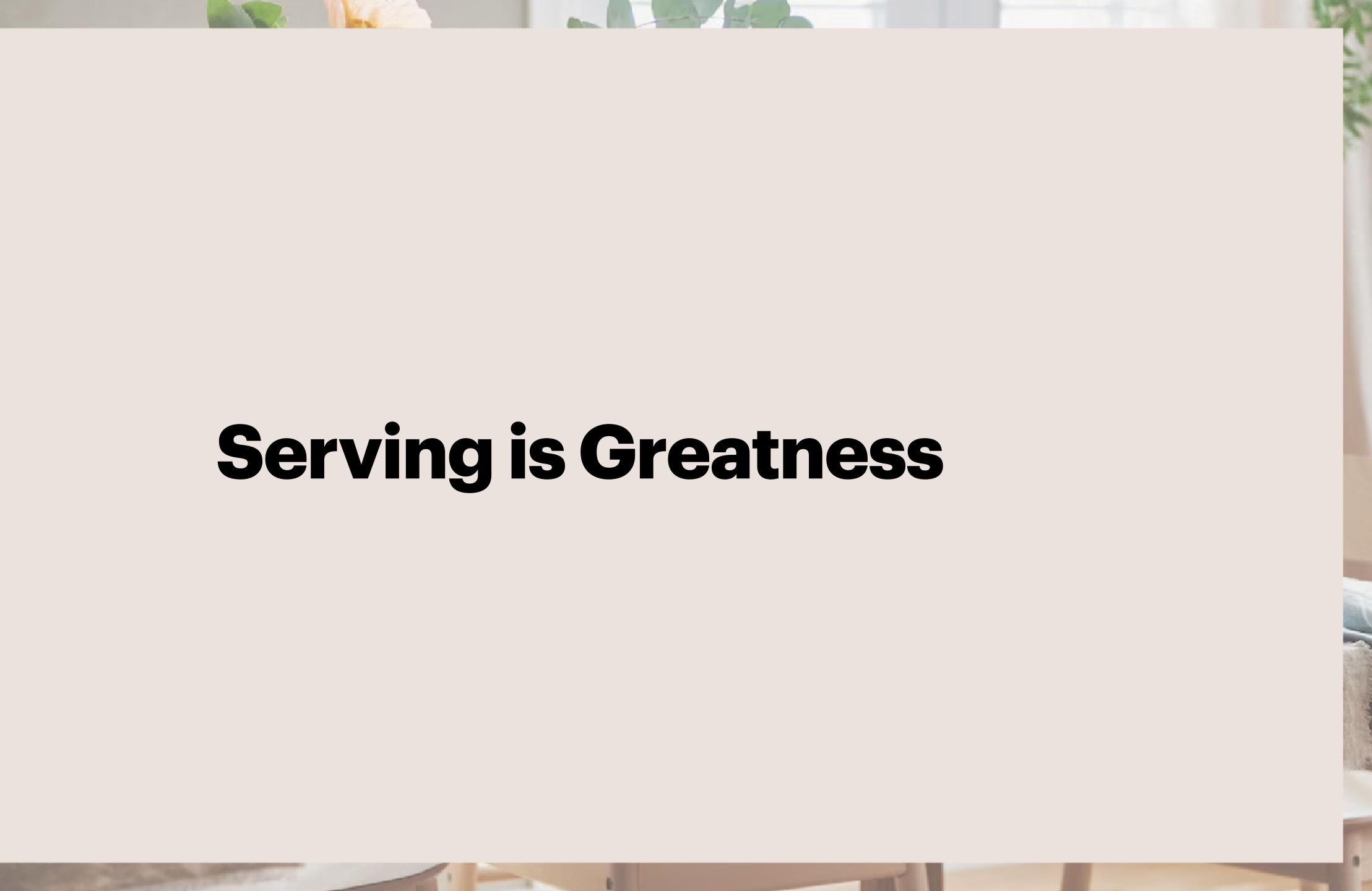
"No one has to do everything, but everyone should do something."



Serving is Duty



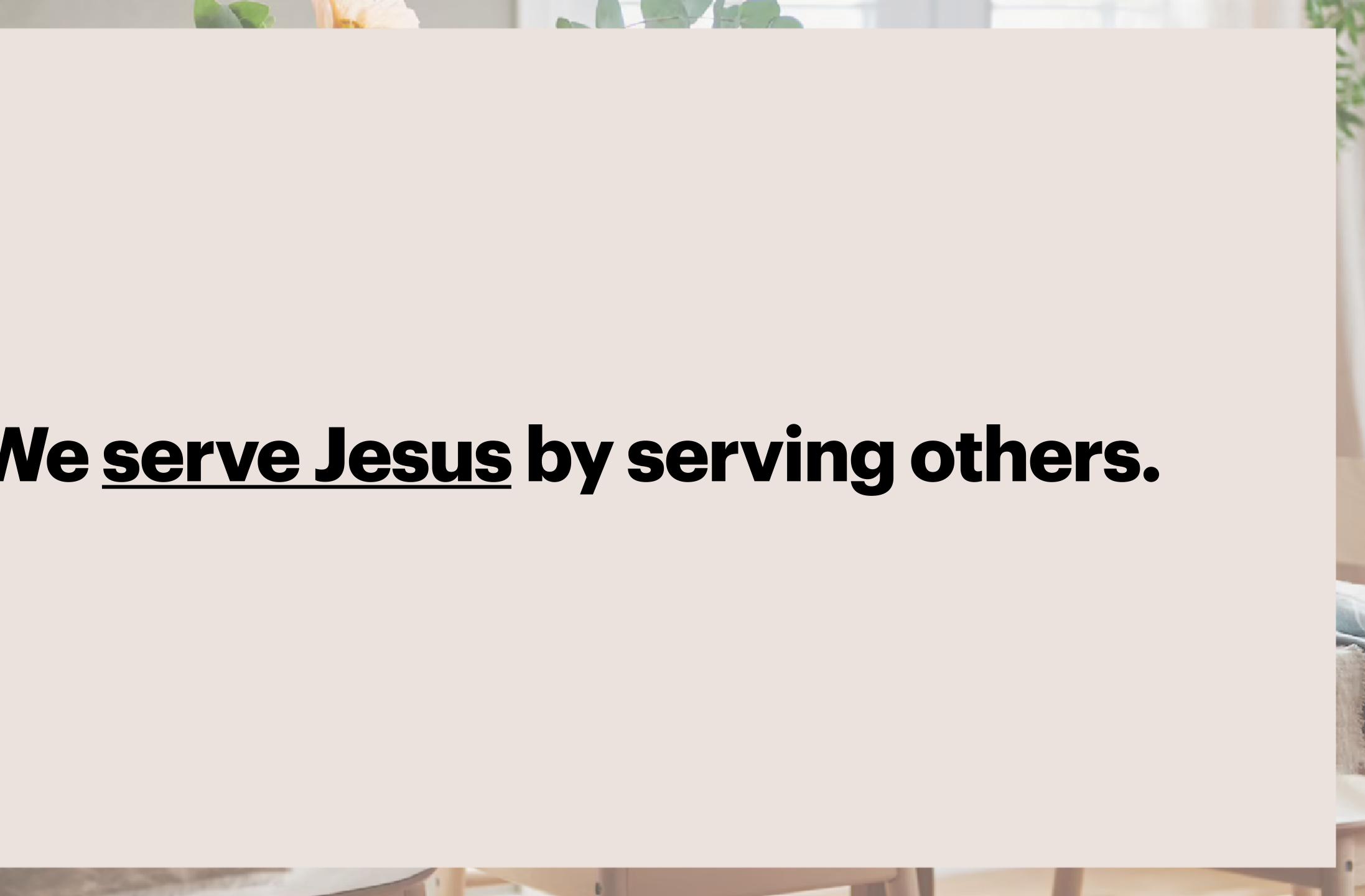
Serving is Greatness



Serving is Christ-like. We <u>serve as Jesus</u> to others.



We <u>serve Jesus</u> by serving others.



When we serve with hospitality, we are being Jesus, serving Jesus, all for Jesus.





