

Following the Example of Jesus

"I've laid down a pattern for you. What I've done, you do." - Jesus ([John 13:15](#))

Jesus spoke these words in [John 13:15](#) right after he washed His disciple's feet--an act of love, humility and service. He encourages us to follow His lead and serve one another.

Jesus, the Son of God, the Most High King, Lord of Lords, never placed himself in a position above others. He led by serving, and He loved by serving. He washed feet. He fed thousands. He walked to visit and heal the sick and dead. He stopped to touch and heal a sick woman. He spent time with those no one else cared to spend time with. Jesus lived a life of humility.

Serving others and humility go hand in hand.

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus." [Philippians 2:3-5](#)

Serving others is more than keeping up with your to-do list. To be a servant means that we genuinely need to care about people. It's keeping your eyes, your heart and your schedule open for divine appointments. Jesus was not governed by time, by what others thought of him, or by a list of tasks to accomplish each day. He was led by the spirit and followed those promptings to serve, love, and help others. No task was ever beneath him, no person ever unworthy.

Serving others and genuine love go hand in hand.

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. [Galatians 5:13](#)

At NewSpring, we hear that "Saved People, Serve People," but what exactly does that look like in our lives today? How do we genuinely love even the unlovable? How do we let go of our to-do list? How do we position ourselves to act humbly?

- Is your heart struggling to love others? Ask Him for a heart change. Be open to Him working, stretching, and changing your heart. This may bring out some things you need to address and work on, but it will be worth it! He can change your heart, soften the edges, and teach you to love others with kindness and compassion.

- Take a look at your schedule. Are you doing too much? Are you keeping things on your list because of appearances? Allow Him to free up your time. Ask Him to show you each day what needs to be done and what can be set aside.
- Begin placing others first in your day to day. Think about the needs of others and how you can place them before your own. Do you see a struggling mom at the store? Let her get in line before you. Does your neighbor need help with his lawn? Take care of it for him.
- Listen to God, and do what He says. Follow His prompting and leading when going about your day. If you feel that He is prompting you to stop and serve, then do it! This does not necessarily mean you take on every single opportunity to serve presented to you. Pray--ask Him, listen, and then do what He says!

