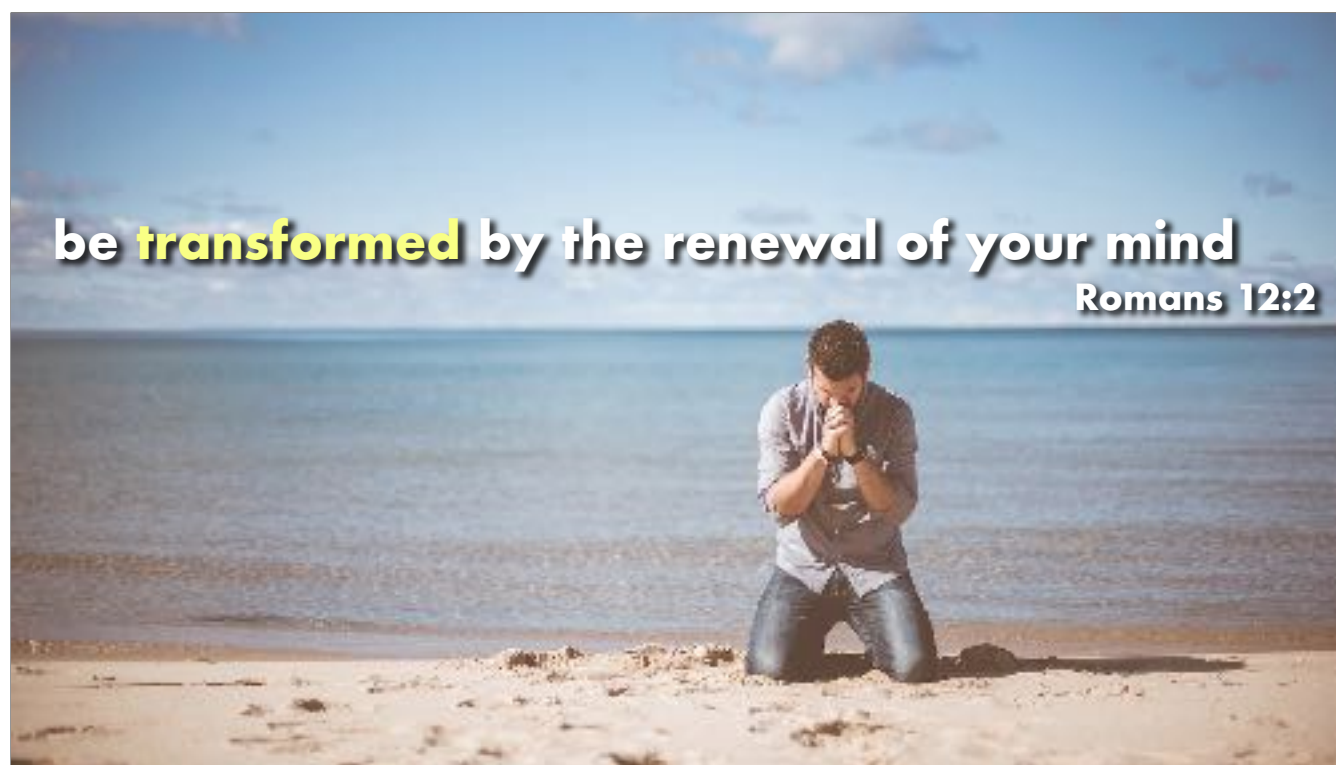




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- Transformed

- Romans 12:2: 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.
- 2 Corinthians 3:18: And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, **are being transformed into the same image** from one degree of **glory** to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.



- Living Sacrifice

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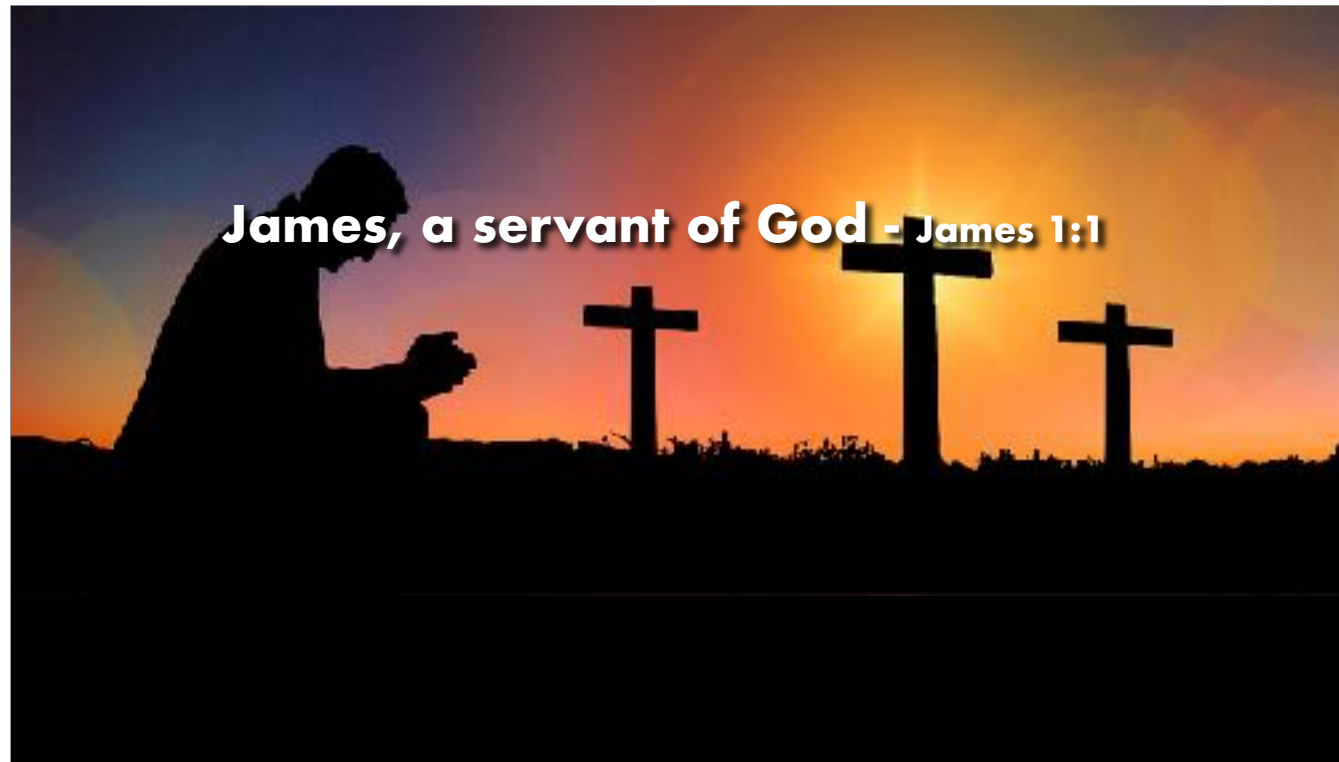


- The modern translations use the word “servant” when older translations use the word “slave”/ “servant”
- We don’t like the word slave.
- We don’t like the association with such a lowly position.
- We don’t like the idea of my thinking not having merit.
- A slave is the property of, wholly subject to another, a person entirely under the domination of some influence or person...and absolutely subject to the will of another.

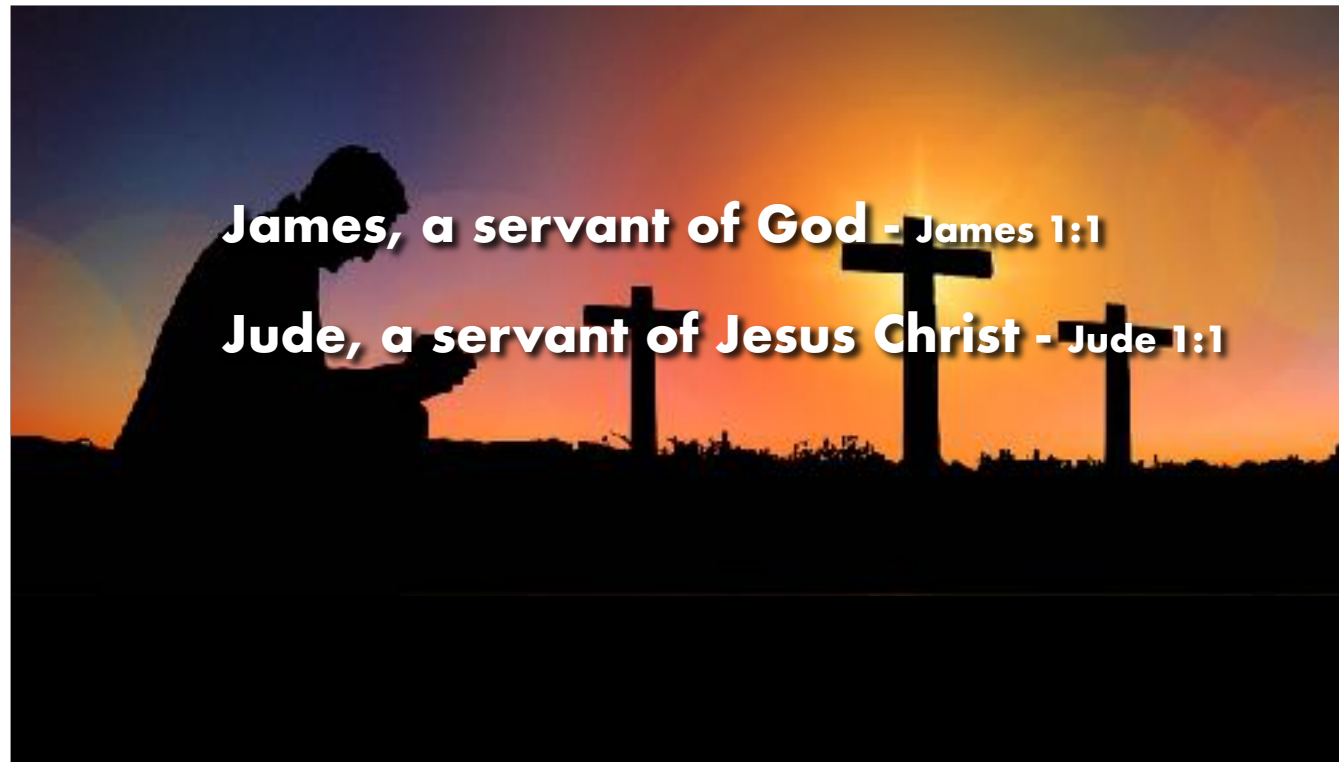
But now that you have been set free
from sin and have become **slaves of God**
Romans 6:22



- Transformed to glory of Jesus
 - Living sacrifice
 - Slaves of God
- We're in good company as slaves
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- James 1:1 James, a **servant of God** and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings.
 - NLT: This letter is from James, a **slave of God** and of the Lord Jesus Christ. I am writing to the "twelve tribes" —Jewish believers scattered abroad. Greetings!

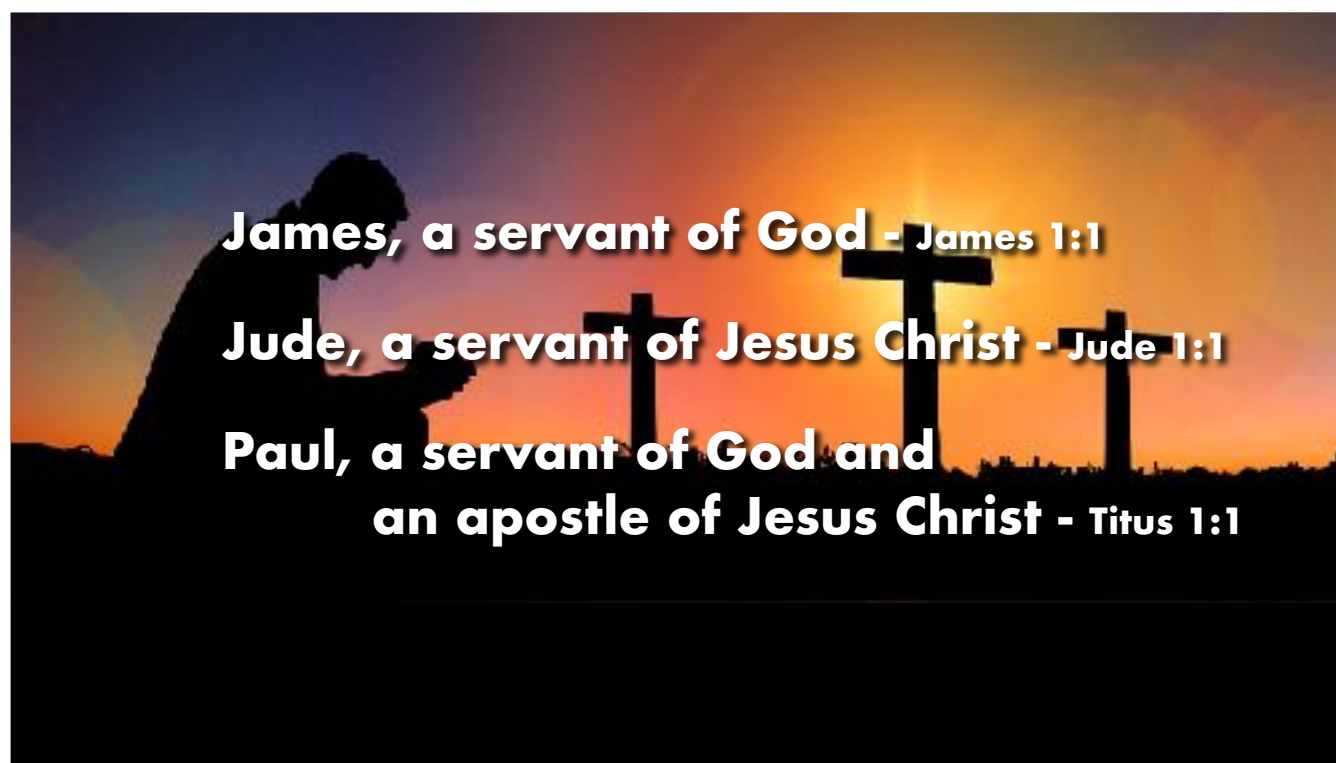


James, a servant of God - James 1:1

Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ - Jude 1:1

- Jude

- Jude 1:1 (ESV) Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James, To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ:

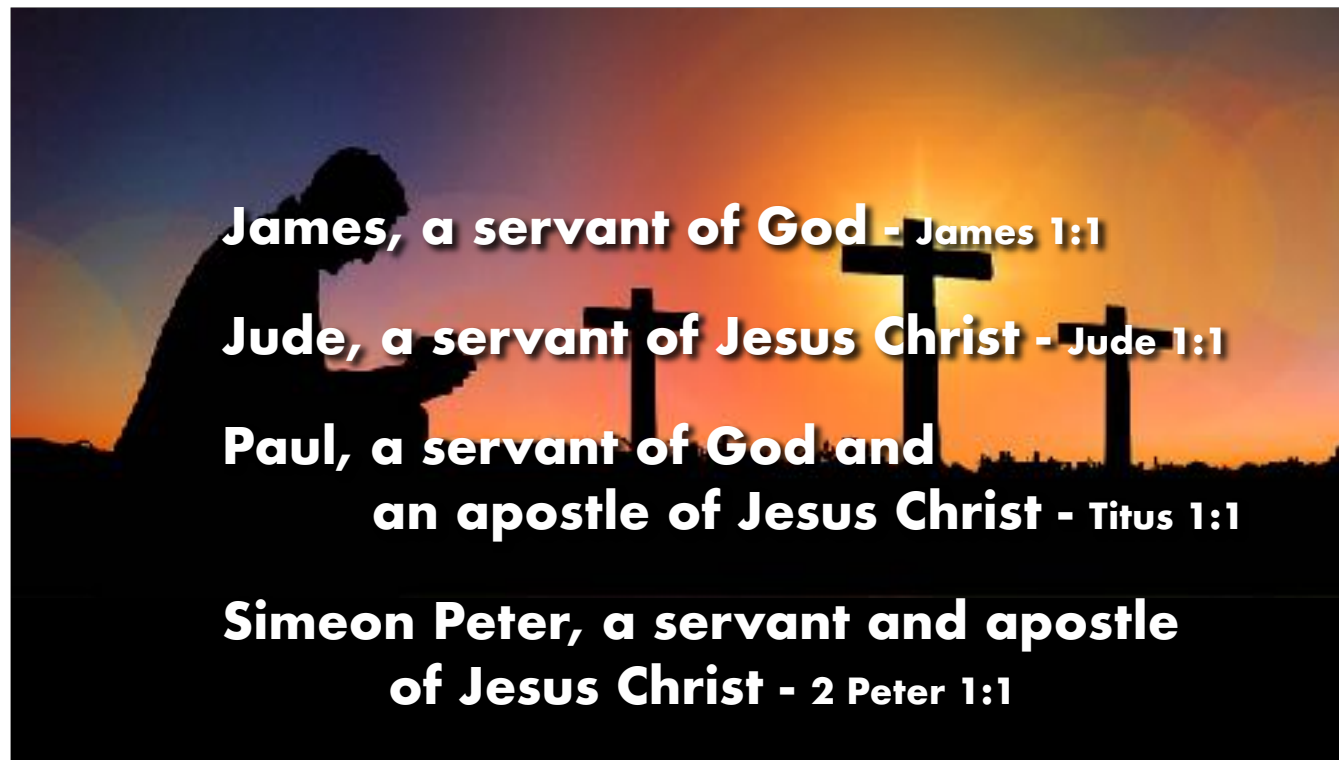


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an apostle of Jesus Christ - Titus 1:1**

- Paul:
 - Philippians 1:1 (ESV) Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:
 - Romans 1:1 (ESV) Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,
 - Titus 1:1 (ESV) Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness,



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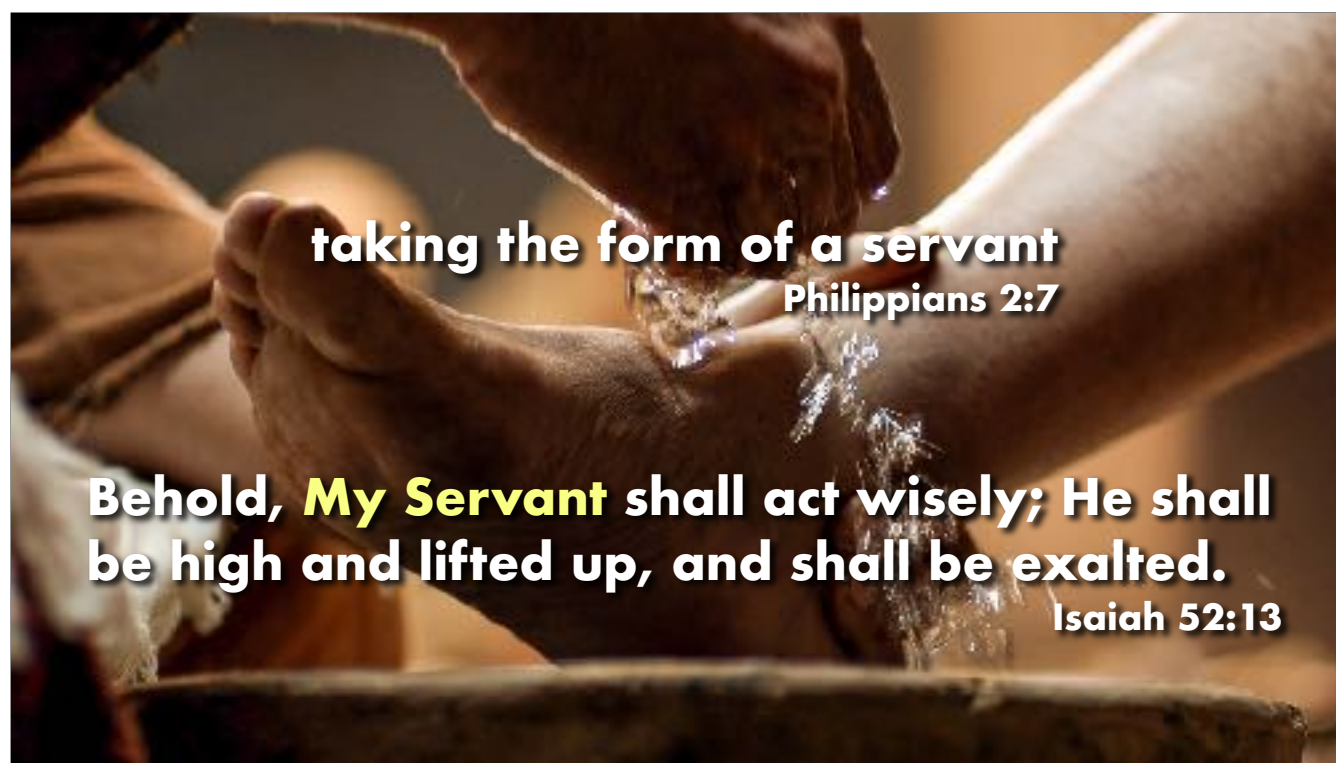
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**Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle
of Jesus Christ - 2 Peter 1:1**

- Peter:
 - 2 Peter 1:1 (ESV) Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:
- Both Paul & Peter: slave and apostle.
 - Notice the order of his description.
 - Does it have meaning?
 - First a servant!
- How do you first name yourself?
 - When asked what do you do?



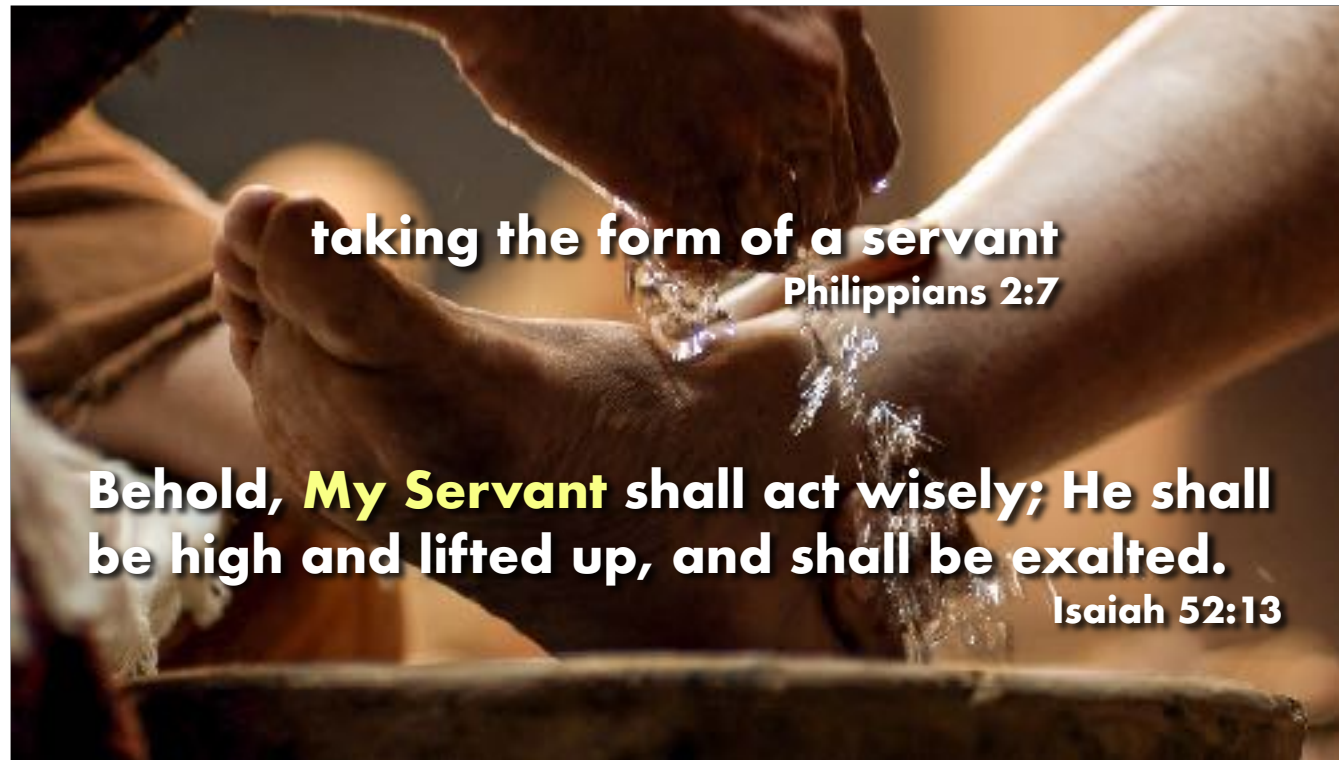
- In the Company of Slaves - Jesus
 - Philippians 2:7 (ESV) but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.
- form = essential nature
 - form of God
 - form of servant
 - not just outward, or being forced
 - deep down, a slave.
- This is the transformation that must take place in each of us
 - We must not cling to our ideas of greatness, independence, freedom, self
 - But must let go: empty myself to be the slave of God



taking the form of a servant
Philippians 2:7

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Isaiah 52:13

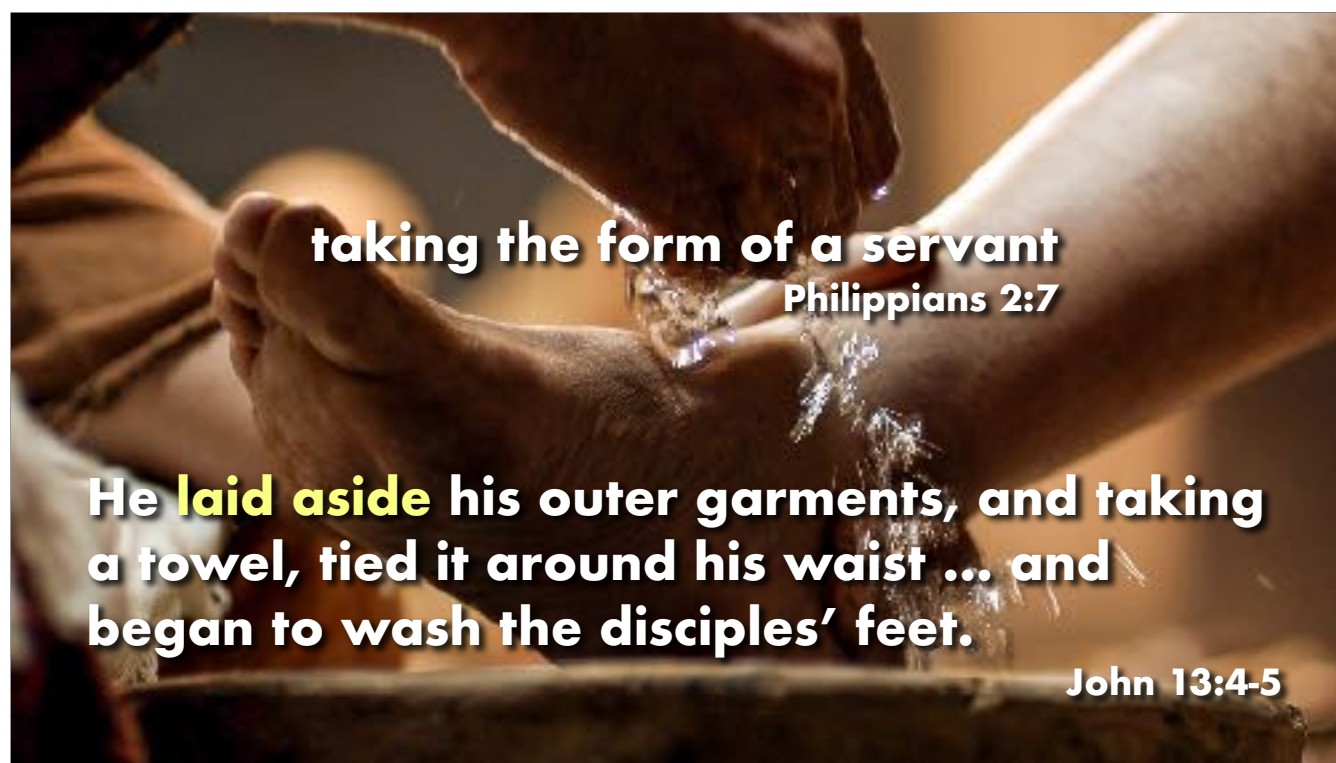
- Prophecy: Isaiah
- Isaiah 52:13 (ESV) Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.
- Isaiah 53:3 (ESV) 3 He was despised and rejected by men, ... he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
- Isaiah 53:4 (ESV) 4 yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
- Isaiah 53:7 (ESV) 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth;



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- Isaiah 53:11 (ESV) 11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, **my servant**, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall **bear** their iniquities.
- If you knew this is what God planned for you, would you still



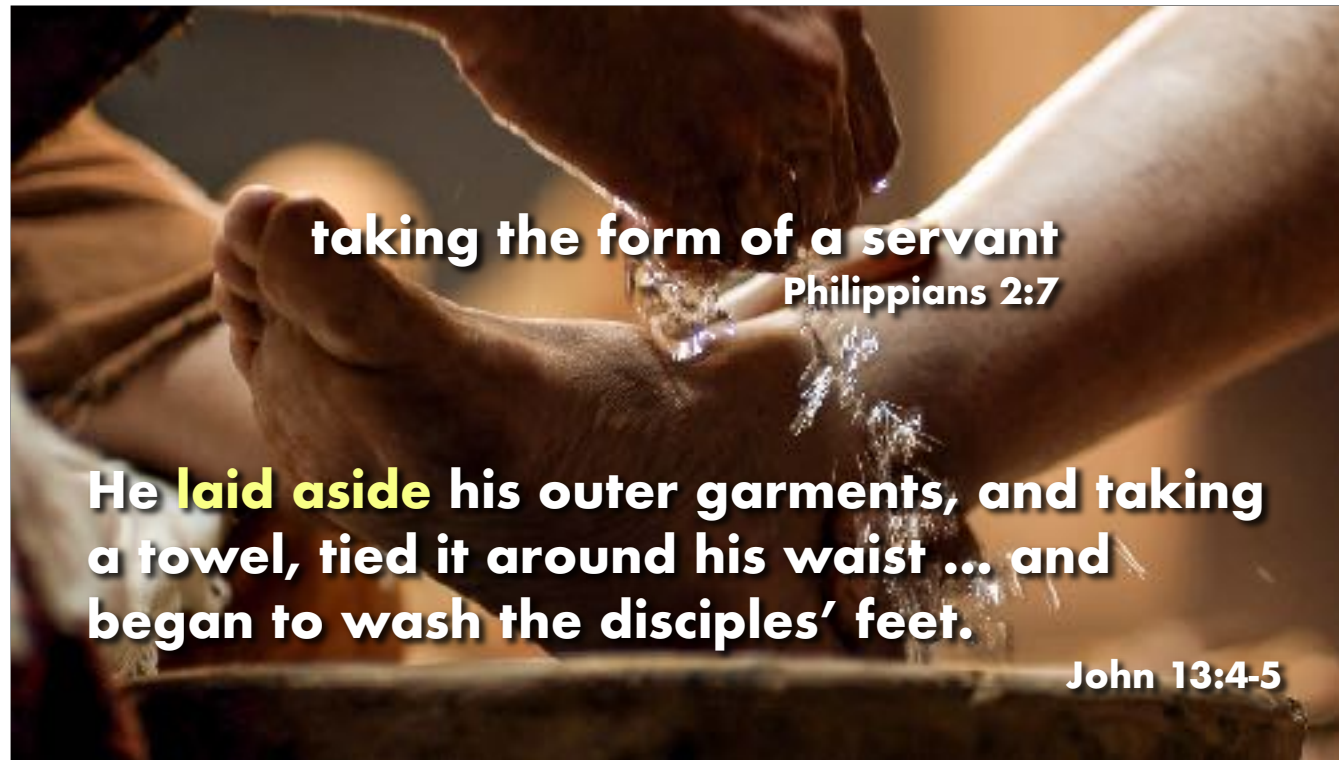
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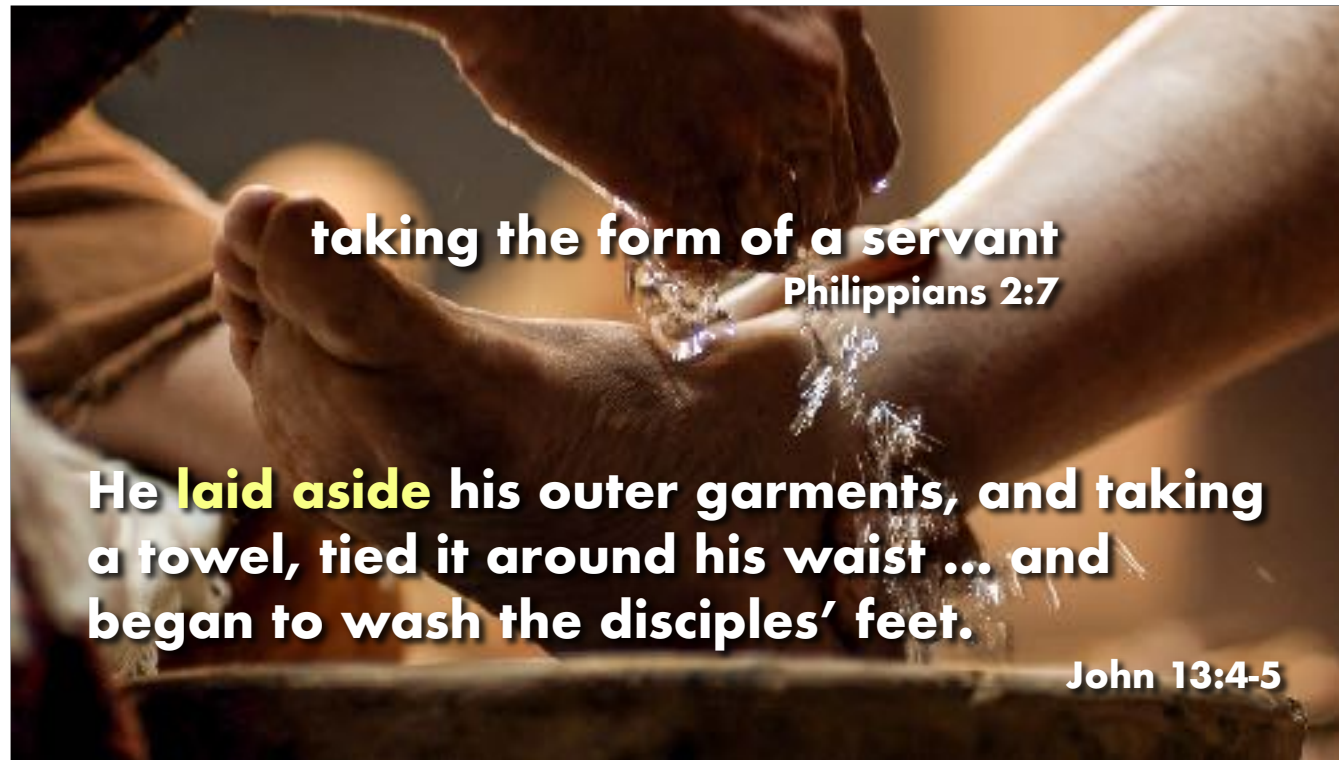
John 13:4-5

- Washing Feet: John 13

- John 13:1 (ESV) Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.
- John 13:4-5 (ESV) 4 rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. 5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.



- Peter struggled with this....
 - Matthew 16:22: And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you."
 - Was Peter being a servant?
 - Was Peter trying to be like Jesus?



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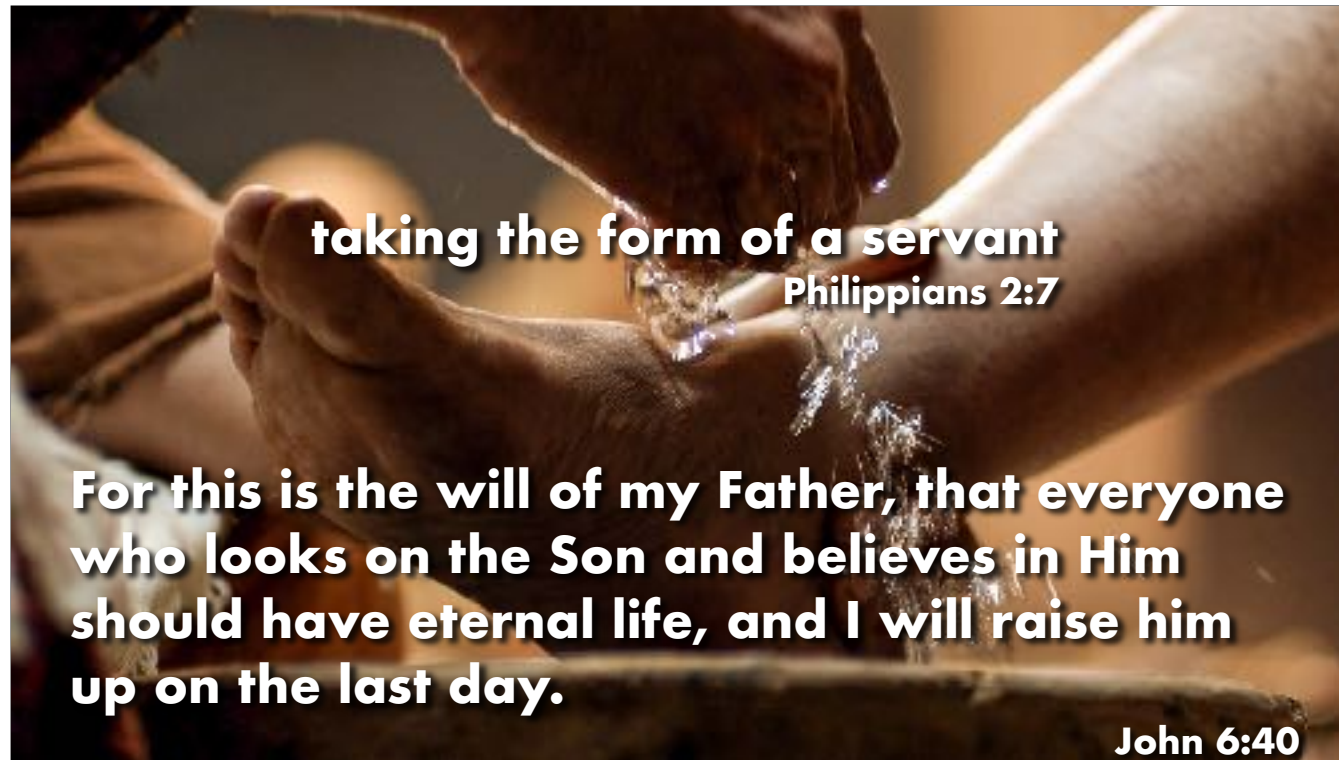
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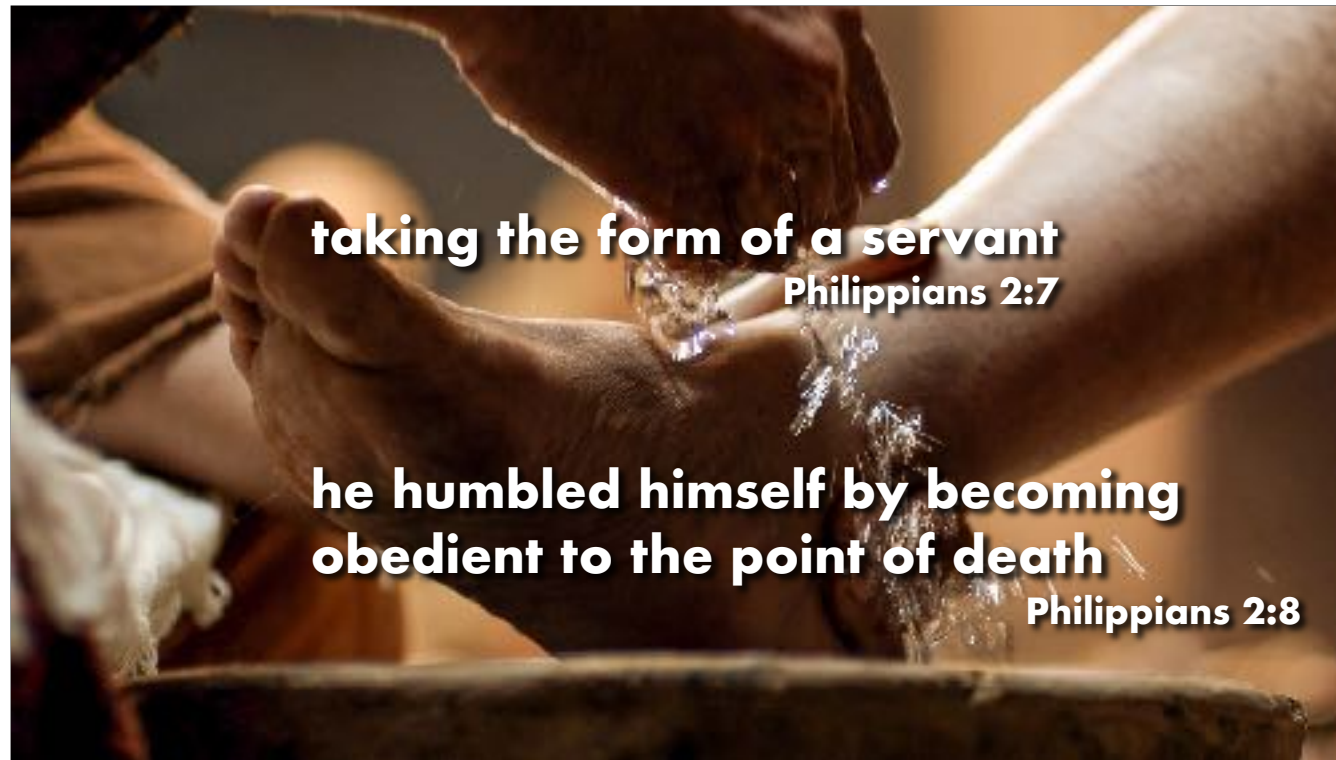
- John 13:8 (ESV) Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.”
 - Peter a servant? like Jesus?
 - If we don't learn to serve, we have no share in Jesus!
- Eventually, Peter gloried in being a slave of Jesus.
 - He learned... so can I.



- He always did the will of God.
 - John 4:34 (ESV) Jesus said to them, “**My food** is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.
 - John 5:30 (ESV) 30 “**I can do nothing on my own.** As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me.
 - John 6:38 (ESV) 38 For I have **come down from heaven**, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.
- Princess Bride
 - Westley: As You Wish (attitude of a slave!)
 - “As you wish” = “I love you.”



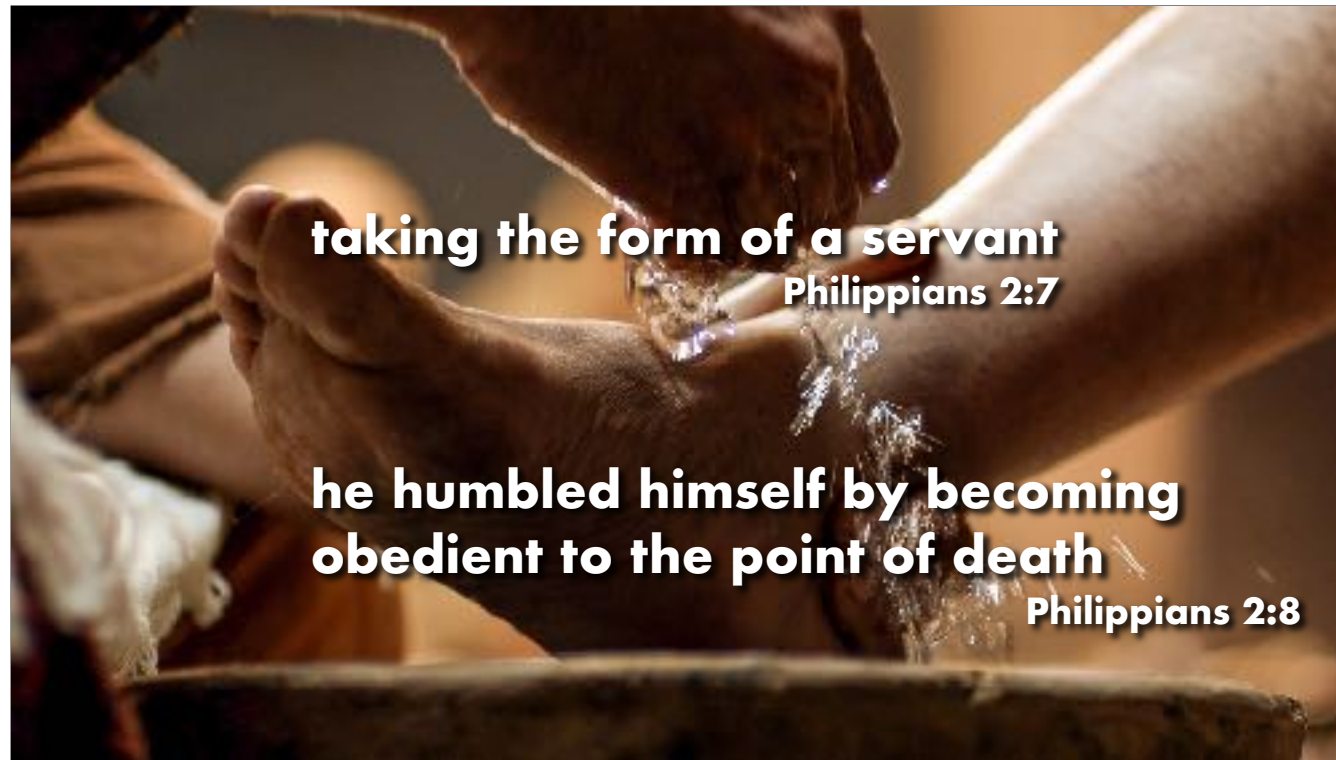
- He always served mankind.
 - John 6:40 (ESV) 40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”



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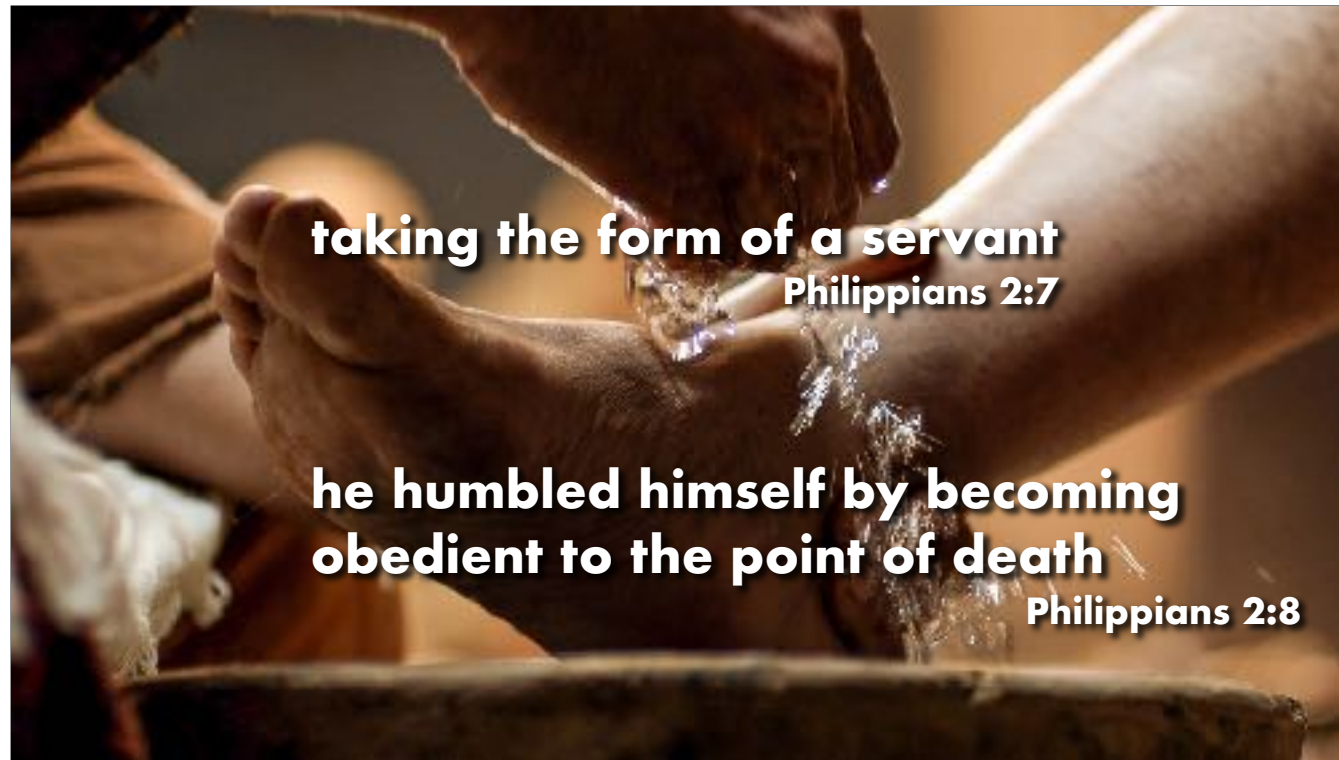
- Philippians 2:8 (ESV) And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming **obedient** to the point of death, even death on a cross.
- This is what a servant looks like... obedient to the point of death
 - What does this mean for me?
 - Am I obedient to that degree?
 - Or do I hedge my obedience: what is convenient? easy? doesn't interrupt my life, business.



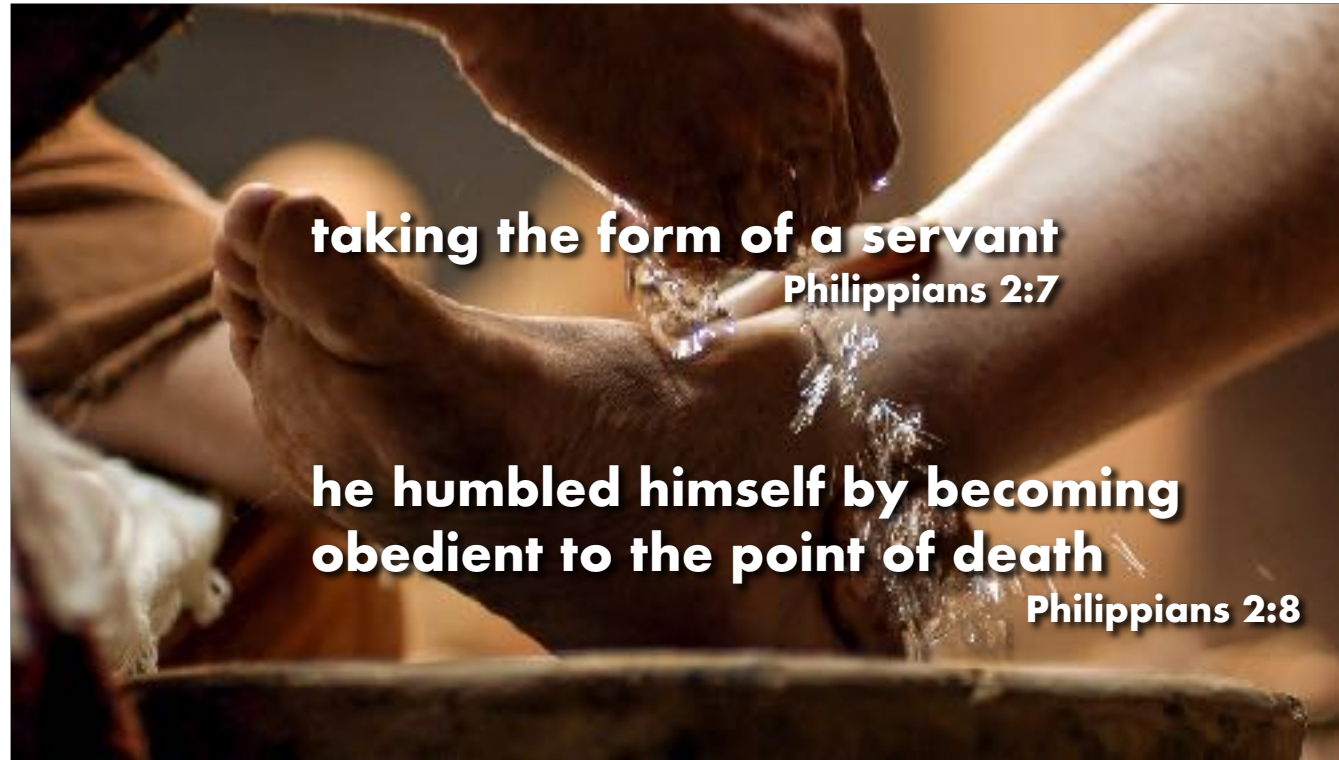
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- Hebrews 5:8 (ESV) Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.
 - Consider what the suffering of Christ...
 - According to His Father's will
 - He did as commanded
 - To the point of death!
 - We too are children of God, but also slaves
 - Are we expected to suffer?
 - Is the suffering beneficial for us? teaching us?
 - God's will for us must not be denied, or minimized by talking about it being too hard, too difficult.
 - Or that I'm too tired, or too busy.
 - Or that I think this is better



- Luke 17:7-10 (ESV) 7 “Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’? 8 Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’? 9 Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? 10 So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”



- A slave looks like a saint.
- James, Jude, Paul, Peter
- Jesus
- You?

SERVANT'S SONG

*For even the Son of Man did not come to be served,
but to serve, and give His life a ransom for many.*

Mark 10:45

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**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20

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Romans 6:22

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