

#### Joseph <u>served</u> in Pharaoh's court.

- Genesis 41:46







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GOD'S MERCY



## To serve means to give of yourself and your abilities in order to improve the lives of others.



In humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests but also the interests of others.

- Philippians 2:3-4, ESV



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#### **SUMMONED TO SERVE**



He rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. 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.

- John 13:4-5, ESV



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.

- John 13:12-17, ESV

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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, ESV



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 <u>servant</u> of all."

- Mark 9:35, ESV



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#### **STYMIED BY SIN**



## Because of our sinfulness, we would rather serve ourselves, and demand that others serve us.



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### SAVED BY THE SUFFERING SERVANT



## Jesus's mission was to rescue self-serving sinners.

The Son of Man came not to be served but **to serve**, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

- Mark 10:45



### It was Christ's mission to be the Suffering Servant as foretold by the prophet Isaiah.



(Jesus) emptied himself, by taking the form of a **servant**, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he **humbled himself** by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

- Philippians 2:7-8, ESV



## Your selfishness and self-serving behavior are forgiven.

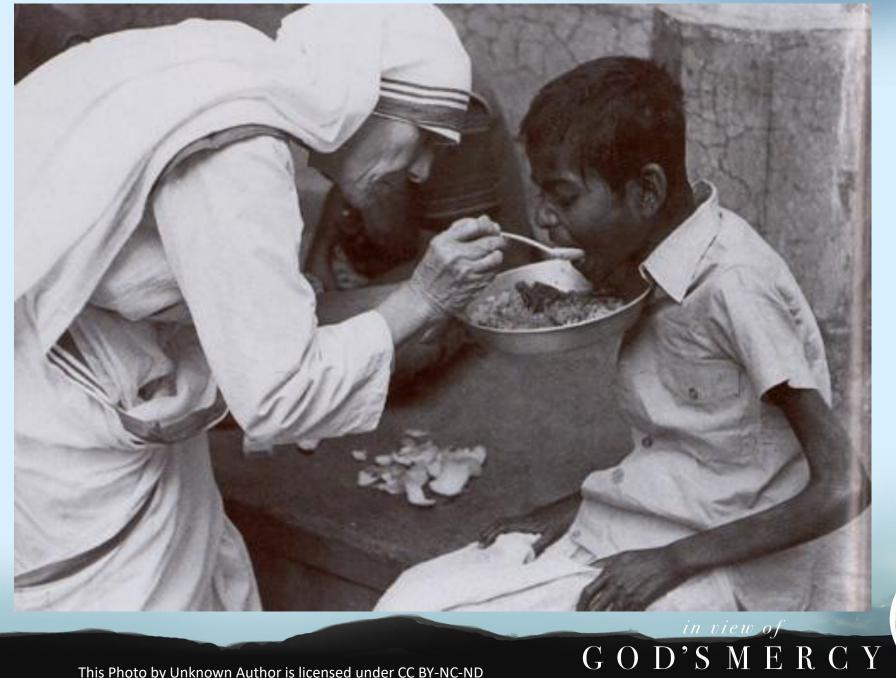
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#### **SANCTIFIED TO SERVE**



# By the sanctifying service of the Holy Spirit you are remade into willing servants who live to bless others.





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### We serve them because of Christ, and we serve them for Christ.



"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."

- John 13:15-17, NIV



In view of God's mercy to us in Jesus, we serve in mercy the needs of those around us.



