

## Since We Are Family, Let's Apply This To Family

- 1 Peter 4:8, NIV – *Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.*
- Like, not being able to sit in your regular seat, because you came late!

## A Challenge To Us All

- We all have our “Shape”
  - Spiritual Gifts
  - Heart (Passions)
  - Abilities
  - Personality
  - Experience in Life
- Service for Life, will fit your SHAPE,
- Service in the present requires only a need
- Do you think that being beaten, mocked, tortured and killed was what Jesus felt fitted his ‘SHAPE’?
- Luke 16:12, NIV – *And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?*
- Matthew 25:23, NASB – *His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave (bond-servant); you were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'*

**Main points: We are all slaves to sin, Jesus taught us the way out of these bondages, servanthood. Our path to freedom is voluntary slavery! This concept goes contrary to our natural understanding and is totally at odds with our societal influences. If we aspire to the place of Son and Heir with Christ then the heart attitude that we need to nurture is one of bond servant. It will be the foundation of our motivation since service is love in action, and God is Love.**

## Reclaiming Kingdom Relationships

### # 7 - Moving Out Of Slavery

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### Apostolic Responsibility

- Acts 6:4, NASB – *“But we will devote ourselves to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.”*
- To steadfastly devote ourselves, to attend constantly, serving and ministering the word, to be devoted to using prayer and the word to break down strongholds

### Church Responsibility

- 2 Corinthians 10: 4-5, NIV – *(4) The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. (5) We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*
- To demolish strongholds, to chop them up and burn them, if of wood, and to grind to powder those of Gold

### Apostle John's Example

- When he comes to this house, he comes fully submitted to the leadership here, with a Servants Heart, a Bond-Servants heart, not as a SLAVE, but having freely chosen service out of a heart of Love
- Exodus 21:2-6, NASB – *(2) If you buy a Hebrew slave, he shall serve for six years; but on the seventh he shall go out as a free man without payment. ... (5) But if the slave plainly says, 'I love my master ... I will not go out as a free man,' (6) then .... his master shall pierce his ear with an awl; and he shall serve him permanently.*

### How This Relates To Us

- “Your attitude determines your altitude”
- If we are slaves, servanthood is the path to freedom!
- Servants get to know their Masters, and become Lovers of God and Bond-Servants

- Galatians 4:7, NIV – *So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.*

## **HOW CAN WE KNOW IF WE ARE SLAVES, OR DISCIPLE/SERVANTS OR SONS/BOND-SERVANTS?**

### **We Work Out Of Different Motives**

- Titus 3:3, NASB – *At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.*
- Galatians 4:9, NASB – *But now that you know God -- or rather are known by God -- how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable principles? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again?*

### **An Example Of How Easily The Slave Mentality Is Passed On**

#### **The World's Way Out Of Slavery**

- Looking out for #1
- *“The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.” - Albert Schweitzer (Quoted from the Gazette March 27/06)*

#### **Jesus' Way To 'The Top'**

- The top for you, is to walk fully in YOUR destiny, you were designed for it

#### **Jesus Said Some Baffling Things, He Shook Their World!**

- Mark 9:35, NIV – *Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “If any one wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all.”*
- Servant = diakonos = servant, minister, from which we get our word “deacon”

- Mark 10: 42-44, NIV – *Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.”*
- Slave = doulos, to be tied or bonded to = Bond Servant
- Matthew 5: 38-41, NIV – *You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ (this is fairness/justice) But I tell you, ... If some one forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.”*
- Going the second mile is what moves us out of slavery
- Paul's life of freedom – Bond-servant
- Romans 1:1, NASB – *Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,*
- Romans 6:22, NASB – *But now having been freed from sin and enslaved [Greek = bond-servant-ed] to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life.*

#### **Serving Is Doing What The Other Wants, The Way They Want**

- Romans 14: 4, NIV – *Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.*
- This is how we get to know the masters heart, the ways of the house
- Those who know and experience the Masters heart, find His Fathers Love
- By binding or Bonding their hearts to Him, freely by choice, they are the Sons
- Matthew 25:23a, NIV – *His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful bond-servant [doulos=bond-servant].’*