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1000 Oaks Bible Church

Cultivating Healthy relationships:  
“Servanthood”

## **\* INTRODUCTION**

**A. Matthew 22:36-40 “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?”**

**37 And He said to him, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’**

**38 This is the great and foremost commandment.**

**A. Matthew 22:36-40 39 The second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’  
40 Upon these two commandments hang the whole Law and the Prophets.”**

**B. It is impossible to understand the Bible without understanding the relationships it presents. The Bible is a book of Relationships.**

# **I. THE EXAMPLE OF DAVID'S MIGHTY MEN**

**A. The situation was – David was relatively new as king and the Philistines were advancing on Israel; even establishing a stronghold in Bethlehem. David had been forced to flee and hid in a cave in Adullam.**

**B. II Samuel 23:15-17 David had a craving and said, “Oh that someone would give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem which is by the gate!”**  
**16 So the three mighty men broke through the camp of the Philistines, and drew water from the well of Bethlehem which was by the gate, and took it and brought it to David. Nevertheless he would not drink it, but poured it out to the LORD; 17 and he said, “Be it far from me, O LORD, that I should do this. Shall I drink the blood of the men who went in jeopardy of their lives?”**

C. A Leader can do nothing without Followers. When David was just a youth He served his brothers by bringing them food from home. By going against Goliath David led by example and served the army of Israel. David was a leader who men would follow.

D. His men, who had seen David's service, stepped up and showed their own service to David in a time he was in great danger. They overheard him mutter a thought and they put their lives on the line to serve their leader.

## **II. THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS**

**A. Jesus rightfully gets all the praise and credit for being the one and only sacrifice for our sins. But let me tell you, He was an amazing friend too. He built healthy relationships by serving others.**



**B. Mark 10:45 “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”**

Even though Jesus was the Son of God and King of Kings, He came as a **servant**. He spent His time healing the sick and blessing the poor. He washed the feet of His disciples. He sacrificed His life on the cross to save us from our sins. Never has the world seen such humility.



**C. John 15:13-15 Greater love has no one than this,  
that one lay down his life for his friends.**

**14 You are My friends if you do what I command  
you.**

**15 No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does  
not know what his master is doing; but I have called  
you friends, for all things that I have heard from My  
Father I have made known to you.**

**D. John 13:4-5 Jesus 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.**

**E. John 13:15 For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you. This is not a neat story about Jesus, this is a living example Jesus gave for US to follow: to serve each other.**

**F. The world believes that the way to greatness is to claw your way to the top and step over anyone who gets in your way. Jesus said the opposite is true. The way up is to serve others.**

**G. In Matthew 20:25-28 But Jesus called them to Himself and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles domineer over them and those in high position exercise authority over them.**

**26 It is not this way among you, but whoever wants to become prominent among you shall be your servant, 27 and whoever desires to be first among you shall be your slave; 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”**

## **\* CURBSIDE**

**A. II Corinthians 5:15 He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.**

**B. Galatians 6:2 Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.**

**C. Participation Trophy** – “You Showed Up Award.”  
Kids don’t learn to do their best. They aren’t motivated to learn from mistakes,  
They fail to learn the value of Earning the reward.





D. Objection: “These were mighty men” They became Mighty by serving, they weren’t born mighty. Matter of fact, they were anything but Mighty – I Samuel 22:2  
**Everyone who was in distress, and everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented gathered to him; and he became captain over them...**

E. David’s Mighty Men started out as the Bad News Bears. They were motley, not mighty. But they became mighty through serving.



*The Ultimate Goal  
of the Believer...*

