

**Saved to Serve
Spiritual Growth
Part 4**

The path to significance is paved with _____.

1. Jesus served.

“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28

2. Jesus taught about serving.

“...on the way they [the disciples] had argued about who was the greatest. He [Jesus] sat down and called them around Him and said, ‘Anyone wanting to be the greatest must be the least – the servant of all!’” Mark 9:33-35

3. Jesus used parables to illustrate serving.

“But a certain Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion, and came to him, and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; and he put him on his beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.”
Luke 10:33-34

4. Jesus stated serving as His existence.

“The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:28

5. Jesus models serving.

“Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He should depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. He rose from supper, and laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself about. Then He poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. Jesus said, ‘For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.’” John 13:1,4,5,15

Serving others is so difficult because I'm so selfish.

SERVING: FROM OBLIGATION to LIFESTYLE

1. I choose obedience over convenience.

“And He said to them, ‘Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ And they immediately left the nets, and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and He called them. And they immediately left the boat and their father, and followed Him.” Matthew 4:19-22

“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.” John 14:15

“Blessed are those who hear the word of God, and observe it.” Luke 11:28

“And do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself.” Philippians 2:3

2. I look for opportunities to serve.

“And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you he shall not lose his reward.” Matthew 10:42