Series Title: "God wants us to take five (5) things to a higher level"

Increasing our willingness to serve in needed areas – Part 2

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- A. The 1st of the five things is our intimacy with Him:
- B. The 2nd of the five things is:
- C. The 3rd of the 5 things is "Increase our willingness to serve in any needed areas." Part 1
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 - Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly...
 - 1. We introduced Part 2 of that message last week by saying:
 - We live in two realms
- D. Let's get started on the last Part of this message.
 - 1. Matthew 20:28
 - Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.
 - 2. Matthew 23:11-12

- But the greatest among you shall be your servant. **12**Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted.
- 3. The kingdom of heaven is totally different from the kingdom of this world.
 - Matthew 10:39
 - He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it. [Or soul]
 - **Philippians 2:5-11** (our example of the greatest humility)
- 4. A person could rightfully say that they don't want to come to church to serve but to hear the message. I totally understand.
 - James 1:27
 - Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of *our* God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, *and* to keep oneself unstained by the world. [Lit *from*]
- 5. **Joshua**
- 6. King Saul
 - 1 Samuel 13:9-14
- E. Close