

THE PARADOX

To Become Great, Become a Servant
Matthew 20: 20-26

Do we want to be

Great Enough to be Served by Others?

Philippians 2 (3) Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, (4) not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. (NIV)

James 3 (16) For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind. (NLT)

Matthew 23 (11) The greatest among you will be your servant. (12) For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. (NIV)

Do we want to be

Great Enough to be the Servant of Others?

Philippians 2 (5) In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: (6) Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; (7) rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. (NIV)

Galatians 6 (9) May we never tire of doing what is good and right before our Lord because in His season we shall bring in a great harvest if we can just persist. (10) So seize any opportunity *the Lord gives you* to do good things and *be a blessing* to everyone, especially those within our faithful family. (VOICE)

Galatians 5 (13) You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only don't let this freedom be an opportunity to indulge your selfish impulses, but serve each other through love. (CEB)

MEETING GOD IN HIS WORD

The Gospel of John

During His earthly ministry, Jesus said, **“I will build my church and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.”**

In the Book of Acts we see the beginning stages of the building of His church through the work of the Holy Spirit and the spread of the gospel message.

Monday:	Acts 24
Tuesday:	Acts 25
Wednesday:	Acts 26
Thursday:	Acts 27
Friday:	Acts 28

MEDITATION: concentrated, prayerful thinking

As you read, **VISUALIZE THE SCENE**

Put yourself in the biblical situation and try to picture yourself as an active participant. Put yourself in the shoes of different people in the narrative and imagine what it would have been like.

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

for ordinary people like us!

The Practice of **SECRECY**

Avoiding self-promotion by not allowing anyone to know of the deeds you do, or the money you give, in order to avoid doing them for the wrong motivations. Only God needs to know.

“Vast amounts of human behavior, though painstakingly disguised, are simply attempts at showing off.”

*- John Ortberg in *The Life You've Always Wanted**

Make it your goal this week to do as many things as you can, either anonymously or without needing someone to acknowledge your efforts. [Here are a few ideas:](#)

- Do household chores without making sure someone noticed what you did.
- Choose someone in your life and immerse that person in prayer – and don't tell anyone.
- Send a sacrificial gift to a person in need – and keep it anonymous.
- Send an anonymous note of encouragement to someone.
- Make a donation to an organization, but don't tell anyone about it.



**Chiclayo, Peru
Sept. 30 – Oct. 7**

Over the years, FCF has partnered with Pastor David Hansen to help with the construction of a church building and a Christ-centered school connected to the local church in Chiclayo, Peru. We are so thankful for all of the amazing relationships we've been able to build with the people of Chiclayo and the blessing these buildings will be for the people in this community. We are now making plans for another mission trip to Chiclayo this fall. **If you would like more information on being part of this experience, let us know on the Connect Card.**

Graduate Dedication Sunday

We are honoring those graduating from high school, trade school, college, or graduate studies on Sunday, June 5th.



Register to participate!

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Photography Team!

Help us capture great moments on Sundays and at FCF events! Whether you are an expert or an amateur photographer, we'd love to have you on the team. Let us know you're interested on the Connect Card.



DISCOVER FCF

Come and learn about FCF's mission, vision, values, and more!



Tuesday, June 14

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Middle School In-House Retreat



FAITH THAT WORKS

May 20-21

*Registration closes
tomorrow!*

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