

# This Week's Devotional (Mon–Fri)

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<b>Sermon Title</b>	Service and Sacrifice
<b>Speaker</b>	Pastor Jesse Johnson
<b>Primary Passage</b>	Matthew 20:24-28

## DAY

1

Humility

Pastor Reminder: In the kingdom of Christ, greatness is not measured by status, visibility, or control. The Lord gently turns the world's order upside down and calls His people to follow Him in humble service.

Matthew 20:25-26, Jesus teaches that true greatness comes through humble service.

☁️ Where have I been measuring my worth by being noticed rather than by serving quietly?

🙏 Lord, free my heart from the need to be seen. Teach me to find joy in simple faithfulness, as You lead me into the way of Christ.

✅ Try this today: Do one unnoticed act of service for someone in your home or workplace.

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2

The Way

Pastor Reminder: Jesus did not come seeking honor for Himself; He came to serve. His life shows us that love is not proven by position, but by willing, humble care for others.

Matthew 20:27, greatness in Christ is shown through becoming a servant.

☁️ Am I willing to take the lower place if it means loving others well?

🙏 Lord Jesus, shape my desires after Yours. Help me to welcome the path of humble service and to trust that Your way is good.

✅ Try this today: Choose one task that is usually overlooked and do it without mentioning it to anyone.

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**3**

Christ First

Pastor Reminder: The deepest pattern of Christian life is seen in Christ Himself. He led not by demanding, but by giving Himself for the good of others, and His love gives us a new center for living.

Philippians 2, Christ humbled Himself and set the pattern for His people.

☁️ How is Christ inviting me to put others before my own comfort today?

🙏 Father, keep me close to the mind of Christ. Let His humble love soften my heart and guide my hands.

✅ Try this today: In one conversation, listen first and speak less, giving the other person your full attention.

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Serve Gladly

Pastor Reminder: Jesus said He came not to be served, but to serve. When we belong to Him, we learn that hidden kindness is never wasted in His kingdom.

Matthew 20:28, the Son of Man came to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.

💭 What would change if I treated service as a joyful calling rather than an interruption?

🙏 Lord, thank You for serving me with such mercy. Make me eager to love others in quiet, steady ways that honor You.

✅ Try this today: Do one practical act of help for someone in your family, church, or work without drawing attention to yourself.

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Set Free

Pastor Reminder: The cross of Christ shows us both His love and His humility. He gave Himself for His people, and now we are free to lay down the need to be praised.

Romans 8, nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

💭 Where do I most need to stop seeking attention and start serving in peace?

🙏 Lord, thank You that Your love secures me. Give me a willing heart to love as I have been loved, and to serve as I have been served.

✅ Try this today: Confess to one trusted brother or sister that you have been seeking recognition, then ask them to pray for a humble heart.

May the Lord bless you with the quiet joy of Christ-shaped service all week long.