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John 13:2-15

## “Marriage Is an Opportunity to Serve”

### I. Grasping for power is natural, but servanthood is supernatural.

24 And when the ten heard [it], they were greatly displeased with the two brothers. 25 But Jesus called them to [Himself] and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. 26 "Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. - **Matthew 20:24-26 NKJV**

3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, 4 rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. 5 After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe [them] with the towel with which He was girded. - **John 13:3-5 NKJV**

5 "I am the vine, you [are] the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.  
- **John 15:5 NKJV**

### II. Do you have a servant's heart?

3 [Let] nothing [be done] through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. ... 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, [and] coming in the likeness of men.  
- **Philippians 2:3-4, 6-7 NKJV**

### III. We need to rethink the questions that we ask.

28 "... the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, ..."  
- **Matthew 20:28 NKJV**

“What will my spouse bring to the marriage?”

“Will you do this for me?”

“Is my spouse worthy of my service?”