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Walking Dusty...

teacher: Dan

At the end of the message, Dan provided copies of the word “doulos” printed on a small slip of paper to anyone who wanted to pick up the visual reminder. As soon as we got home, my husband put his paper on our bathroom mirror as a daily reminder that he wants to be a willing servant.

The idea of a servant seems somewhat lost in our culture, but if you think about any *Batman* movies, Alfred, Bruce Wayne’s dedicated servant, helps bring the idea to life. In *Batman Begins*, Bruce Wayne, who has been absent for seven years, returns to the Wayne mansion to find that Alfred has been waiting for Bruce the whole time. Alfred has given up his family in England, as well as his own personal desires, in order to serve Master Wayne.

Giving up everything is the hard part of serving, isn’t it? Let’s face it: American life is comfortable. In my own life, I’m willing to serve, as long as it’s not too much of a hassle. I’ll make dinner for a family, if I have time. I’ll donate money to a charity, as long as I have any extra. I’ll go on a mission trip, as long as I can stay in an air conditioned hotel. I’ll give away my kids’ extra clothes, if a resale shop doesn’t take them. I’ll donate a coat and leave behind four or five for me.

To be a servant with every part of my heart surrendered to God is how I want to live; and the only way I can do that is to follow Jesus’ example. I don’t think God expects us to surrender everything all at once, but as we travel this journey and our heart comes more in line with His, then I believe we will be willing to give up more of “me” to take on more of Him.

Questions to Consider:

The Greatest Commandment is “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. And love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matthew 22:37, 39) If we really love God like this, then why is it difficult to serve when He asks us to?

Dan asked, “Is it possible to walk so close to Jesus, yet still truly not know who He is or understand His mission?”

So...what about you? Do we say “yes” to Him and all He has to offer?

Verses mentioned in the message: *Deuteronomy 15:12-17, Matthew 13:53-56, Mark 3:20-21, John 7:4-5, Acts 1:14, Romans 1:1, 1 Corinthians 15:7, Galatians 2:9, James 1:1, 2:24, 1 Peter 1:1, Jude 1:1, Revelations 1:1*