

Title: Daring to Make a Difference

What makes a church great are those who are in the church and those who serve.

Destiny Church vision is to build value in people, build real relationships and walk in Biblical authority. One mission is to add to the church daily.

#1 Those who serve understand the value of people

Matthew 23:11(NLT)

“The greatest among you will be a servant.”

Great people understand the value of others.

As disciples, serving is not just something to do, it’s an action that reflects who we are.

We live in a culture today that greatness is defined by how much you’ve accumulated, how many degrees you have obtained, how large your circle of influence or how driven you are to be better than everyone else.

It’s a culture of self-promotion. Now day’s to be somebody you have to self-promote. Jesus said, “Don’t promote yourself”, deny yourself and pick up your cross and follow me.

When you understand the value of others, you won’t be selfish. You will be selfless.

Luke 22:24-27(NLT)

²² For it has been determined that the Son of Man^{al} must die. But what sorrow awaits the one who betrays him.” ²³ The disciples began to ask each other which of them would ever do such a thing.²⁴ Then they began to argue among themselves about who would be the greatest among them. ²⁵ Jesus told them, “In this world the kings and great men lord it over their people, yet they are called ‘friends of the people.’ ²⁶ But among you it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant. ²⁷ Who is more important, the one who sits at the table or the one who serves? The one who sits at the table, of course. But not here! For I am among you as one who serves.

The disciples are arguing about who is the greatest during the middle of the Last Supper.

Just before this Jesus took communion with his disciples. “Do this to remember Me” In the book of John 13, it shifted to what happened next.

Jesus washed their feet. “Do this to always remember others”

It’s about HIM and OTHERS.

We are to reflect the image of God, and remember what he's done for us & we are to serve Christ to others.

Be others focused – these are those who do what is right no matter what the cost is to self. We have to decide, are we going to be self-serve or selfless.
(It's a tug a war) We struggle with who we are with, who we want to be.

I want to be a servant who adds value to others which brings fulfillment to myself.

It's choosing the spotlight to shine on others and not yourself. Servants shift the spotlight on others. It's the most daring thing you can do.

The word for this is HUMILITY. Humility doesn't mean meekness or weakness, or even a doormat.

Humility is not thinking less of yourself – it is thinking of yourself less often.

Phil 2:3-5(NIV)

³ Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. ⁵ You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

“Count others more significant than yourself”.

The most daring thing you can do is remove yourself from the spotlight and serve others.

Imagine the legacy you could leave in the lives of others. Those who serve, understand the value in others.

#2 Those who serve, understand the impact of invisible service

You might be called to be faithful with your task in the background. It may even be an invisible task but it's just as important as the person who gets all the credit.

One person can make a difference and change the life of many. In the Bible there are names of people only mentioned 1 time.

Names of people hidden/invisible but served at the highest level.

Romans 16:22(NIV)

“I, Tertius, who wrote this letter, greet you in the Lord”

Tertius was only mentioned 1 time. He was a scribe (invisible).

66 books written by 40 authors (Paul the Apostle was one of the authors)

We believe Paul wrote ½ of the New Testament. Paul had poor eyesight – we know this from scripture. They didn't have Lasik surgery or get glasses from Eye Glass World. Gal 6:11 "See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand"

His eyesight continued to get worse so he had to get a scribe.

Paul under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit would dictate the letter and his scribe would write what Paul was saying.

Tertius (TERSUS) was Paul's scribe.

Roman's is one of the greatest letters ever written.

It's 16 chapters of divine truth. It's considered a masterpiece.

Tertius (TERSUS) wrote it down line by line, word by word, letter by letter. Just so we can have a copy of it.

This book is in our hands today because of the servanthood of Tertius. Think of the legacy he left and was a part of for 2000 years. Think of all the people who got saved. Passages studied/read/preached/encouraged.

Tertius (TERSUS) whom we've never heard of was a part of facilitating God's Word Spoken to parchment.

What role are you playing right now that makes the gospel available to everyone here at Destiny.

#3 Those who serve understand that there are no insignificant gifts / tasks

It's Andrew that made the disciples look great. Andrew had a servant's heart. He was very involved in ministry – just not the speaker or singer.

John 1:40-42(NLT)

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of these men who heard what John said and then followed Jesus. ⁴¹ Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means "Christ"^(a)). ⁴² Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, "Your name is Simon, son of John—but you will be called Cephas" (which means "Peter"^(b)).

He was the 1st disciple called. Interestingly Jesus chose a servant that understands there are no insignificant tasks in ministry 1st.

Position didn't matter to Andrew. He was committed to just be on board to serve.

Andrew wasn't among the 3 who witnessed Jesus' transfiguration.

He wasn't there when Jesus raised up Jairus' daughter.

Andrew wasn't picked to follow Jesus further into Gethsemane.

He was still committed to serve and be a solution.

John 6:5-9(NLT)

⁵ Jesus soon saw a huge crowd of people coming to look for him. Turning to Philip, he asked, "Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?" ⁶ He was testing Philip, for he already knew what he was going to do.⁷ Philip replied, "Even if we worked for months, we wouldn't have enough money^a to feed them!"⁸ Then Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up. ⁹ "There's a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?"

Andrew found enough of something to put it in Jesus' hands and experience more than enough left over. (the boy was the seen hero)

But Andrew in the background, was the catalyst for this miracle. It impacted up to 15 thousand people.

Real faith as a servant will always find expression. Even if it's in a small way. No such thing in the kingdom of God is insignificant.

#4 Those who serve are battle ready

1 Samuel 16:18(NLT)

¹⁸ One of the servants said to Saul, "One of Jesse's sons from Bethlehem is a talented harp player. Not only that—he is a brave warrior, a man of war, and has good judgment. He is also a fine-looking young man, and the LORD is with him."

1 Samuel 17:14-18(NLT)

⁴ David was the youngest son. David's three oldest brothers stayed with Saul's army, ¹⁵ but David went back and forth so he could help his father with the sheep in Bethlehem.¹⁶ For forty days, every morning and evening, the Philistine champion strutted in front of the Israelite army.¹⁷ One day Jesse said to David, "Take this basket^a of roasted grain and these ten loaves of bread, and carry them quickly to your brothers. ¹⁸ And give these ten cuts of cheese to their captain. See how your brothers are getting along, and bring back a report on how they are doing."

- He didn't have his own agenda and wasn't looking for anything in return. His purpose was hidden in what was seemingly insignificant.
- He was led into his destiny by serving a lunch.

Faithfully serving brings opportunity.

You get into the battle by 1st serving – it makes you battle ready.

Are you Daring to make a Difference here at Destiny to put your hand on the plow to lead people to the CROSS?