



WEEK 7 | CARREL DAVIS

All Scripture is in the New Living Translation (NLT), unless noted differently.

Mark 10:43-45 But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

The Real Jesus Served _____

Philippians 2:5-8 You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. ⁶ Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. ⁷ Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross.

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Luke 4:18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free,

John 4:1-29

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John 13:4-5 So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, ⁵ and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.

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Luke 19:10 “For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”

Romans 3:23 “For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.”

Romans 5:8 “But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.”

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This week, read the Scriptures from Sunday and answer these questions:

1. What did you learn from Sunday’s sermon? Did you gain any new insights?
2. Paul tells us to have the same attitude as Christ, who willingly humbled Himself and took the position of a servant. What makes humility difficult for us, especially when we want to be recognized, respected, or “first”? What would it look like for you to adopt Jesus’ attitude of humility in a specific area of your life right now?
3. Jesus announced that His mission included bringing good news to the poor, freedom to captives, sight to the blind, and freedom to the oppressed. Who are the kinds of people our culture—or even the church—can easily overlook, ignore, or avoid? How might Jesus challenge us to see and serve those people differently?
4. Jesus demonstrated servant leadership by doing something that was normally considered a lowly servant’s task: washing His disciples’ feet. What does this scene reveal about the connection between serving and sacrifice? What are some “foot-washing” opportunities in your life—ordinary, inconvenient, or humbling acts of service that you might be tempted to think are beneath you?
5. Jesus tells His disciples that greatness in His kingdom is measured differently from greatness in the world: “Whoever wants to be first...must be the slave of everyone else.” Where do you find yourself most tempted to expect others to serve you rather than looking for opportunities to serve them? How would your family, workplace, friendships, or church relationships change if you intentionally pursued being a servant rather than being served?
6. Jesus didn’t merely serve people’s temporary needs; He came “to seek and save those who are lost” and gave His life as a ransom. How does understanding the ultimate purpose of Jesus’ service change the way we understand Christian service? How can our acts of service become opportunities to point people toward the gospel rather than simply meeting a physical or relational need?