

# SERVANTHOOD

The Path to Greatness

Matthew 20:20-28

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must be your servant,  
and whoever would be first among you  
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Matthew 20:26-27

... “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.”

Mark 10: 35

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something.

And he said to her, **“What do you want?”**

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(Matt 20:20-21)

*[the “Sons of Thunder”]* –

Jesus sent messengers ahead of him, who went a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him.

But the people did not receive him, ...

And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, **“Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?”** Luke 9:52-54

Jesus answered, “You do not know what  
you are asking.

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O Jerusalem, you who have **drunk**  
from the hand of the LORD the **cup**  
of his wrath,                      Isaiah 51:17

“Father, if you are willing, take this **cup**  
from me. Nevertheless, not my will,  
but yours, be done.”

Luke 22:42

Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?” They said to him, **“We are able.”**

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He said to them, “You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.”

Matt 20:22-23

About that time **Herod** the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church.

He **killed James the brother of John with the sword.**

Acts 12:1-2

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20:22-23

And when the ten heard it, they were  
**indignant** at the two brothers.

Matthew 20:24

‘See, we are going up to Jerusalem.

And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day.’

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Matt 20:18-20a

For he will be delivered over to the  
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Luke 18: 32-34

But Jesus called them to Himself ...

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... The disciples came to Jesus, saying,  
“Who is the greatest in the kingdom  
of heaven?”

And calling to him a child, he put him  
in the midst of them ...

Whoever humbles himself like this  
child is the greatest in the kingdom  
of heaven.                      Matthew 18:1,2,4

But many who are first will be last,  
and the last first.

Matt 19:30

So the last will be first,  
and the first last.”

Matt 20:16

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Gentiles lord it over them, and their  
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‘If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.’

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even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

*Matt 20:26-28*

Christ died for our sins in accordance  
with the Scriptures,  
He was buried,  
He was raised on the third day in  
accordance with the Scriptures,  
and He appeared to (many witnesses.)

*1 Corinthians 15:3-5a*

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And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

*Philippians 2:5-8*

Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name that  
is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus every  
knee should bow, ... and every  
tongue confess that Jesus Christ is  
Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Philippians 2: 9-11*

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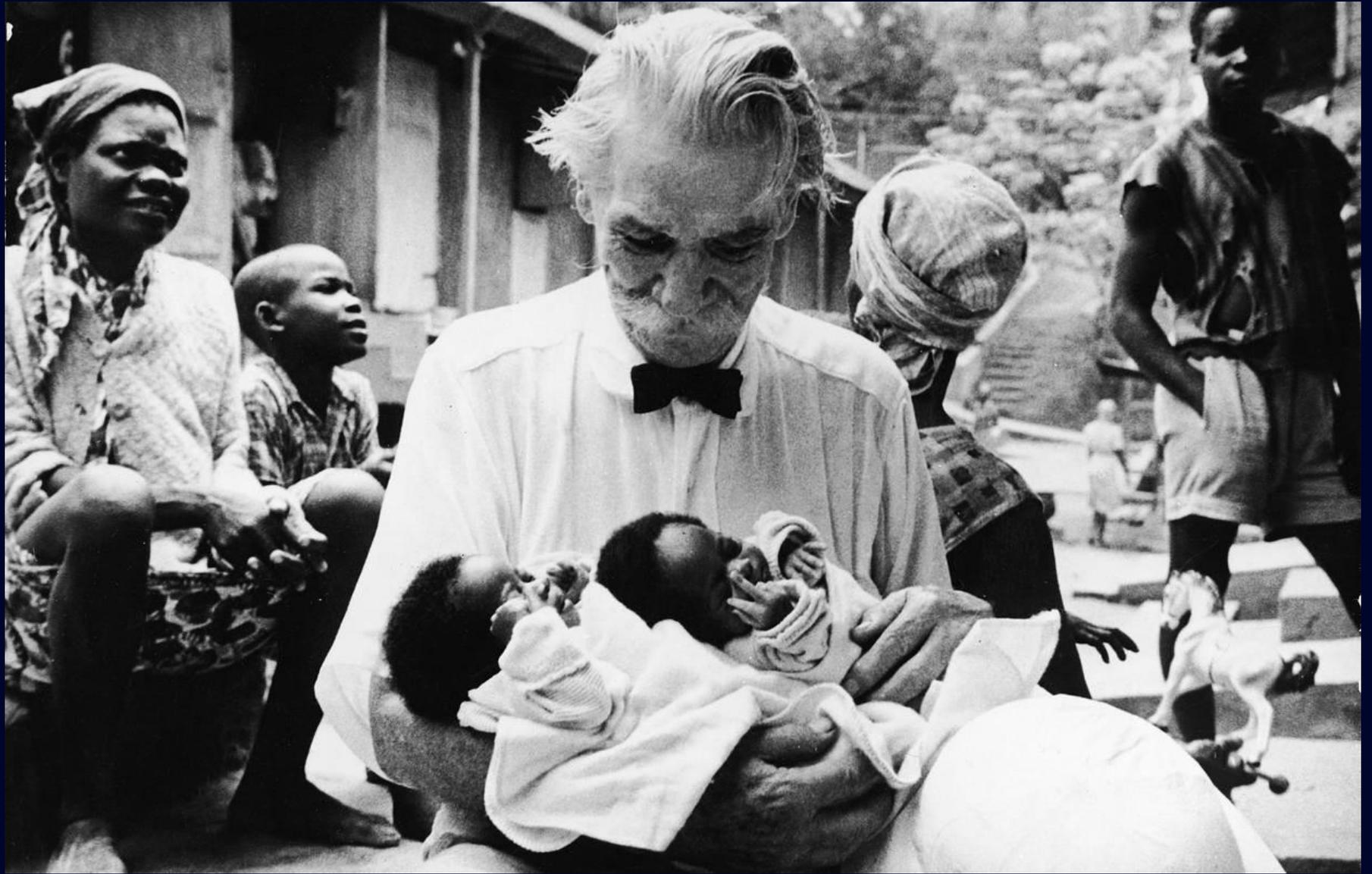
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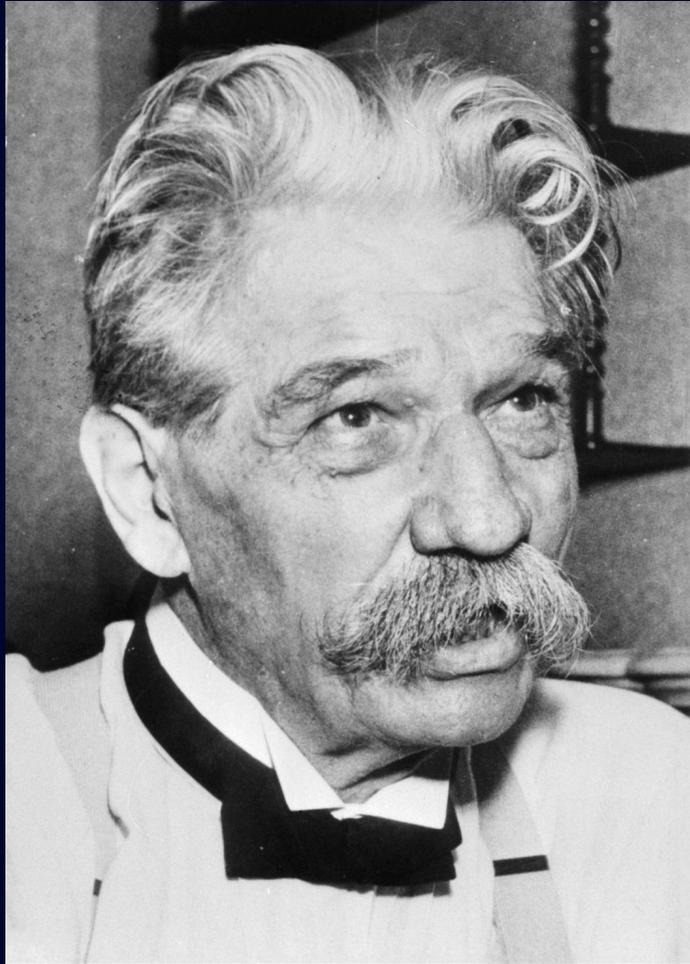
*Philippians 2:5-8*

'The Son of Man came not to be  
served, but to serve,

*Matthew 20:28a*







The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others.

*Albert Schweitzer*

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'The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

*Matthew 20:28*

His master said to him, 'Well done,  
thou good and faithful  
servant.'

*Matthew 25:21*

