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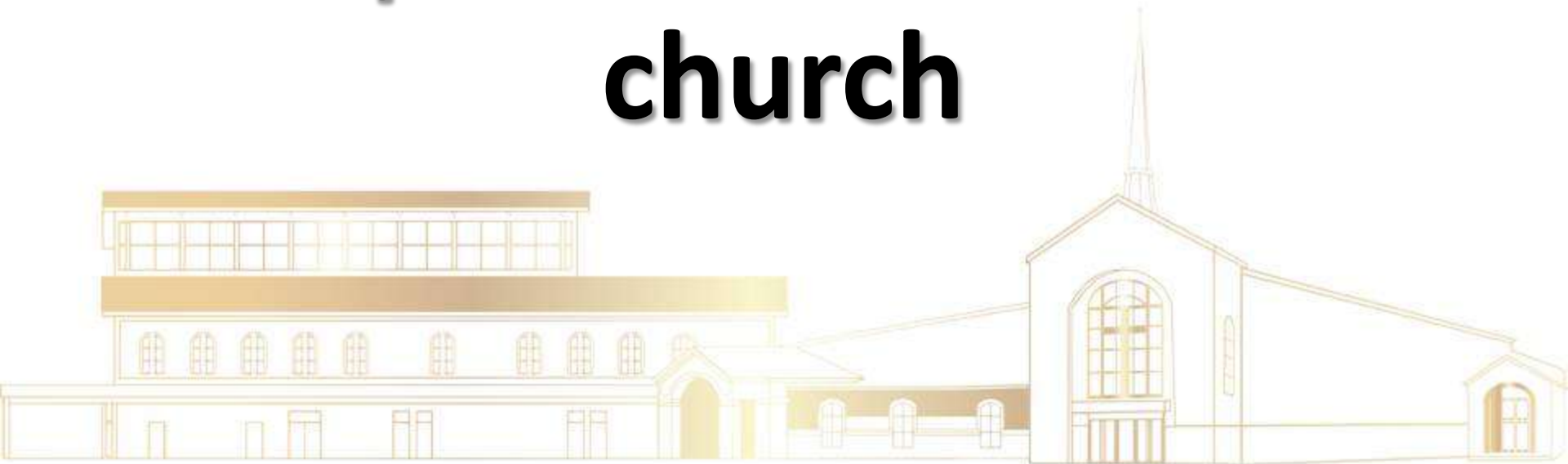
He Emptied Himself to Serve Us

Philippians 2:1-7



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**Paul begins by listing 4
things that he knows
are present in the local
church**





Philippians 2:1

- ***If *there be* therefore any consolation in Christ,***
- **if any comfort of love,**
- **if any fellowship of the Spirit,**
- **if any bowels and mercies,**

ESV



Philippians 2:1 (ESV)

- So if there is any encouragement in Christ,
- any comfort from love,
- any participation in the Spirit,
- any affection and sympathy,

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Since these very good things are present in the body of Christ the church should bring joy to Paul





Philippians 2:2 (ESV)

- **complete my joy**

What is joy?

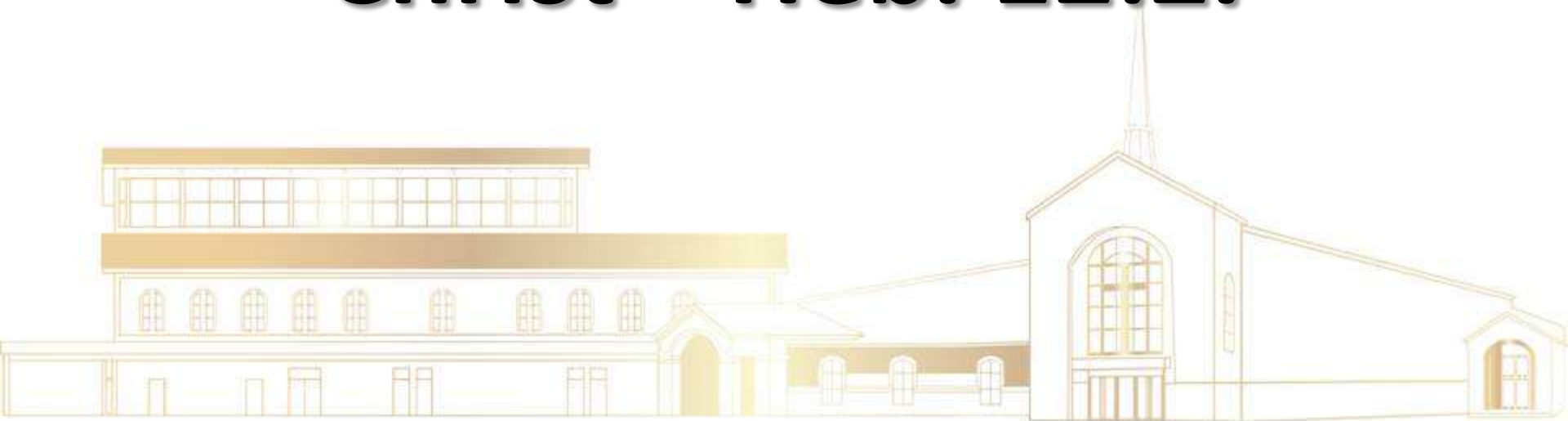
Joy is a feeling of

- Happiness or delight
- An emotion evoked by good success, victory, well-being
- Grandparents often experience great joy through the happiness of their grandchildren



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Paul wants more joy.
Consider the example of
Christ—Heb. 12:2.



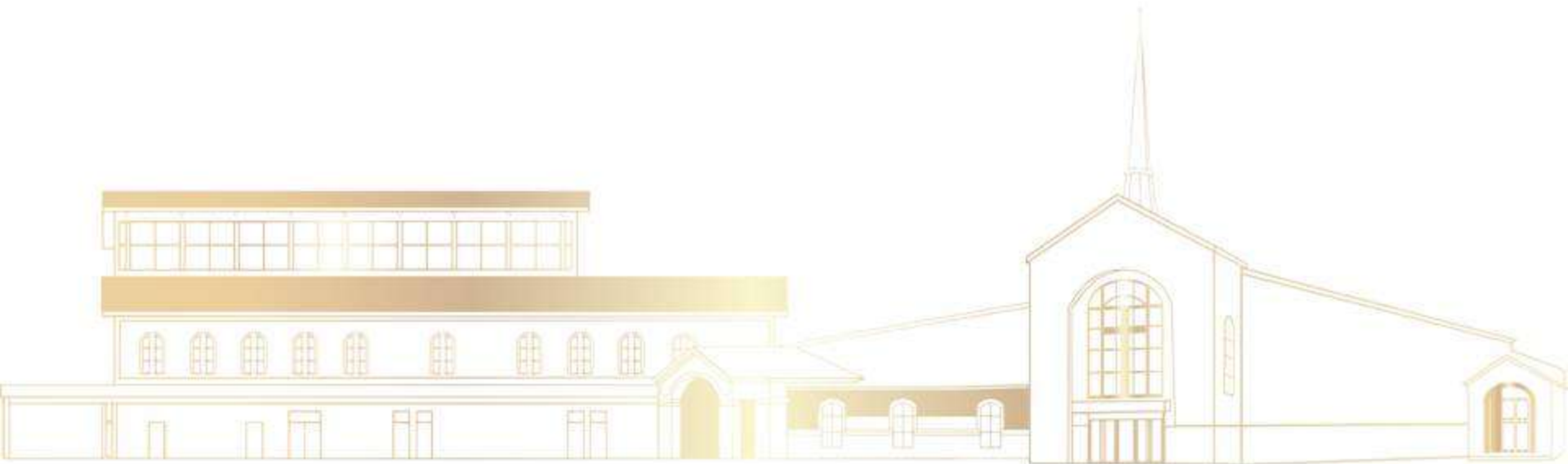


Hebrews 12:2

- Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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What brings you joy?





1 John 1:4

- And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

2 John 12

- Having many things to write unto you, I would not *write* with paper and ink: but I trust to come unto you, and speak face to face, that our joy may be full.

3 John 4



- I have **no greater joy** than to hear that my children walk in truth.

Walking in the truth is the evidence of _____

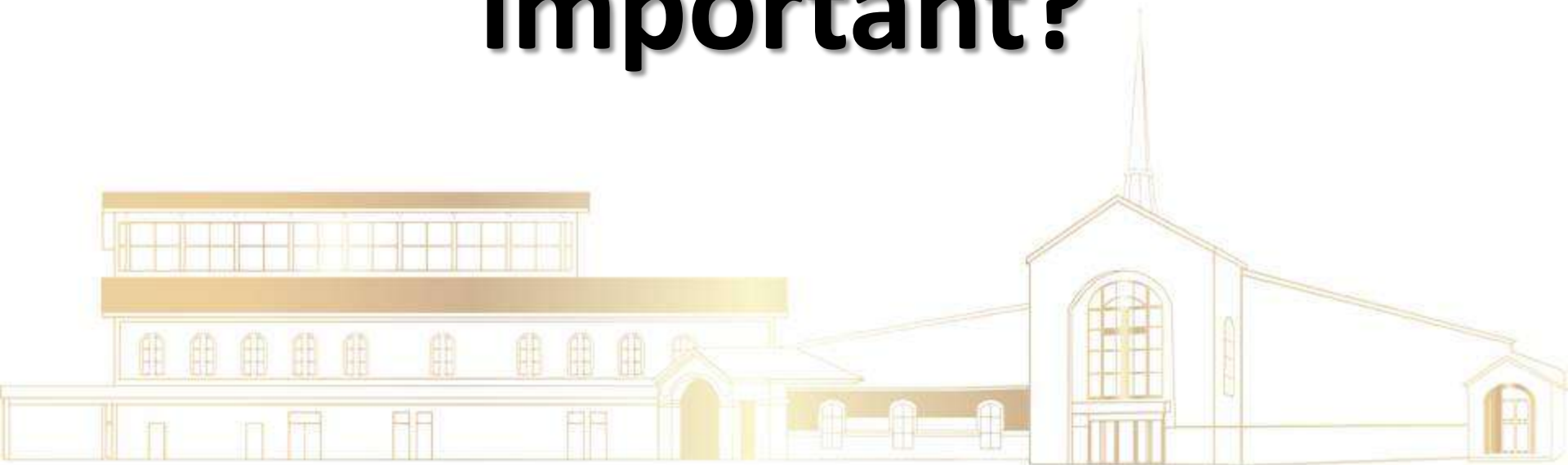


Philippians 2:2 (ESV)

- **complete my joy**
- by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

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**Why is unity in the local
body of Christ so
important?**



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Turn Over to John 17:23





John 17:23 (NASB95)

- I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them,

Jesus Prays

For the unity of the church so
that the world will know
there is a God who sent His
Son to the earth as the most
marvelous demonstration of
love ever presented in the
history of humanity.





Philippians 2:3a

- *Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory;*

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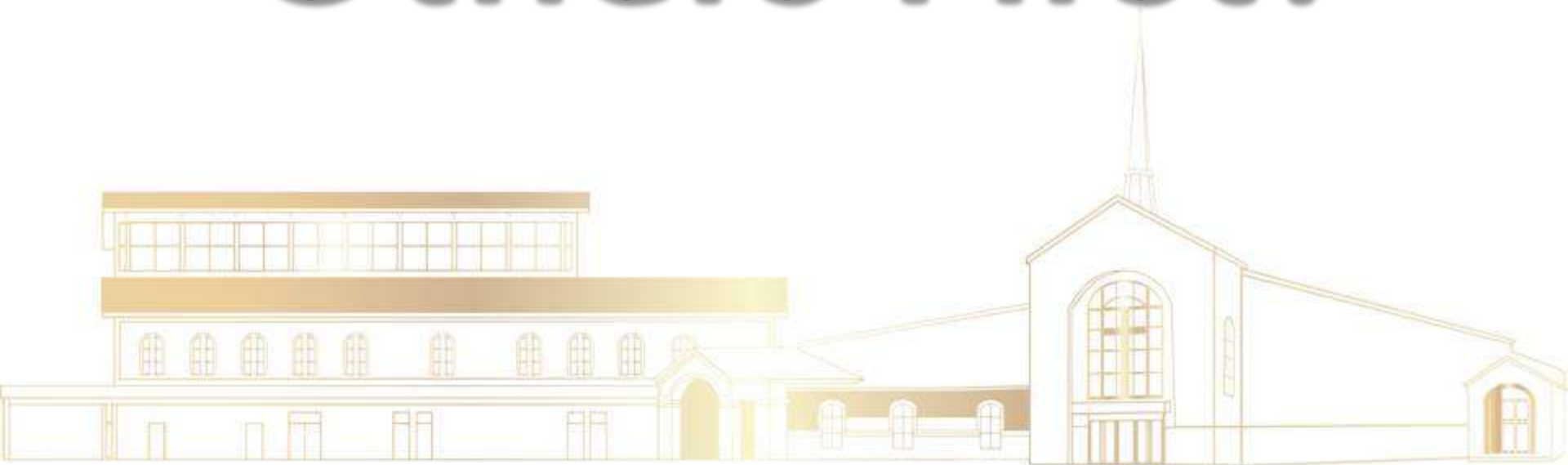
- Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,

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- Instead of being motivated by selfish ambition or vanity,

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Check Your Motives.
Others First!





Philippians 2:3b

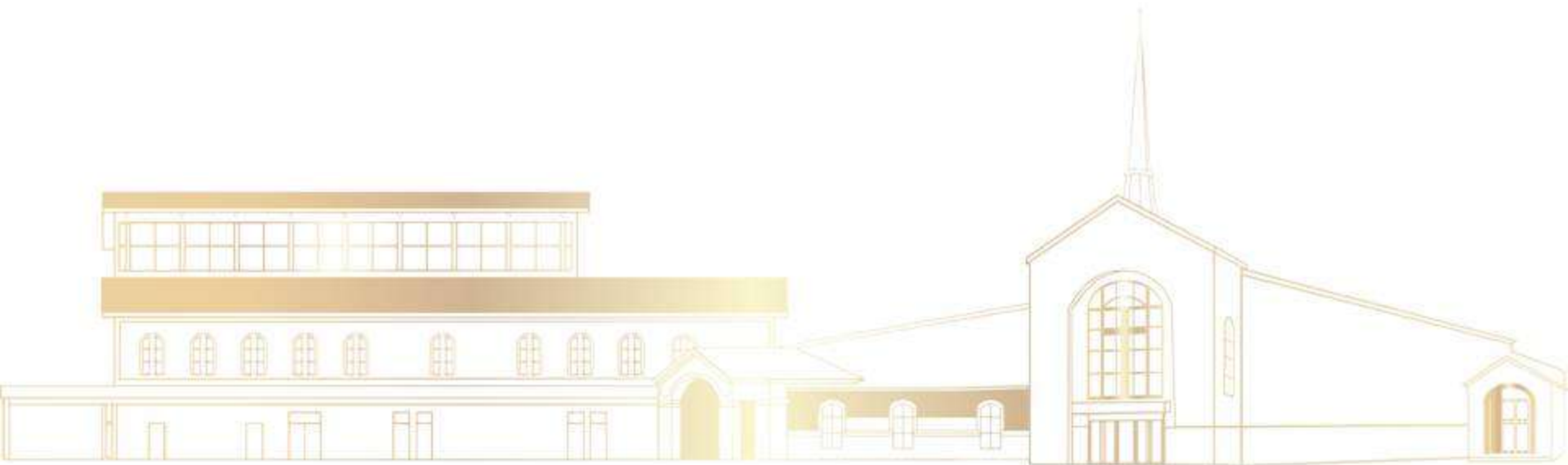
- but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

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- but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

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Yourself and Others!





Philippians 2:4

- Look not every man on his own things,
- but every man also on the things of others.

ESV



Philippians 2:4 (ESV)

- Let each of you look not only to his own interests,
- but also to the interests of others.

**What are the self-interests
that you must look to in
order to be able to look to
others as well?**



Self-Interest

- Health
- Shelter
- Marriage
- Own Family
- Employment





Philippians 2:5

- Let this mind be in you,
which was also in Christ
Jesus:

attitude, way of thinking,
perspective



Philippians 2:6

- Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

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- who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

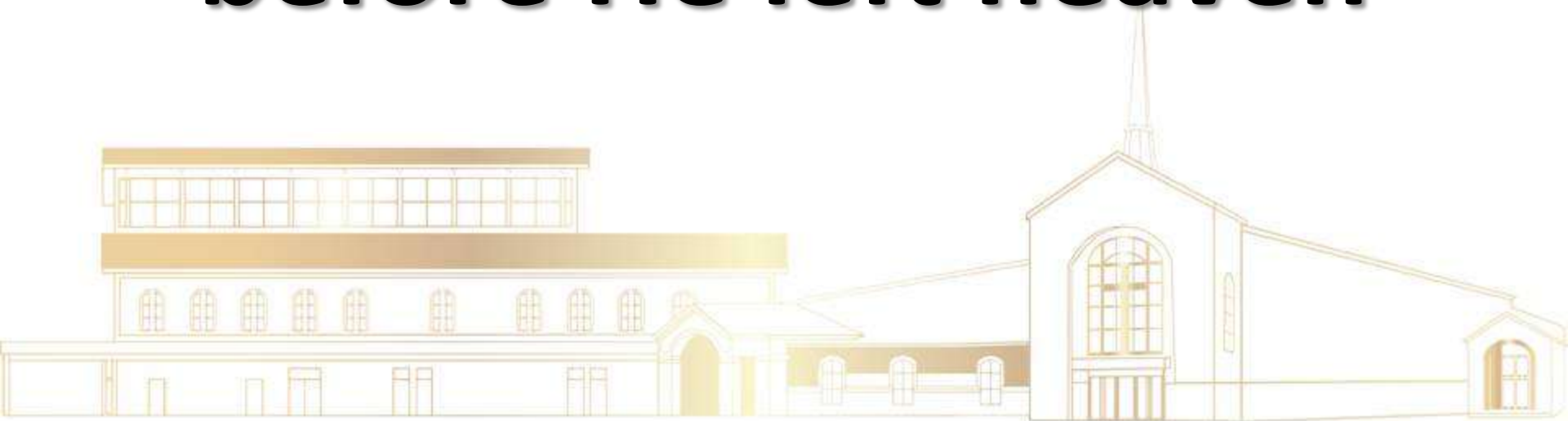
“Form of God”

Paul ascribes to Jesus all the makings or essence of divinity—Jesus is NOT God the Father but he is God.



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**Notice Jesus had
equality with God
before He left heaven**



“A thing to be grasped”

To grasp something is to hold on to it. In order to take on humanity, Jesus had to let go of his home in heaven and the equality with God he possessed.





Philippians 2:7

- But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

ESV

- but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

κενόω

Transliteration

kenoō

Pronunciation

ke-no'-ō (Key)



Part of Speech

verb

Root Word (Etymology)

From κενός (G2756)

Dictionary Aids

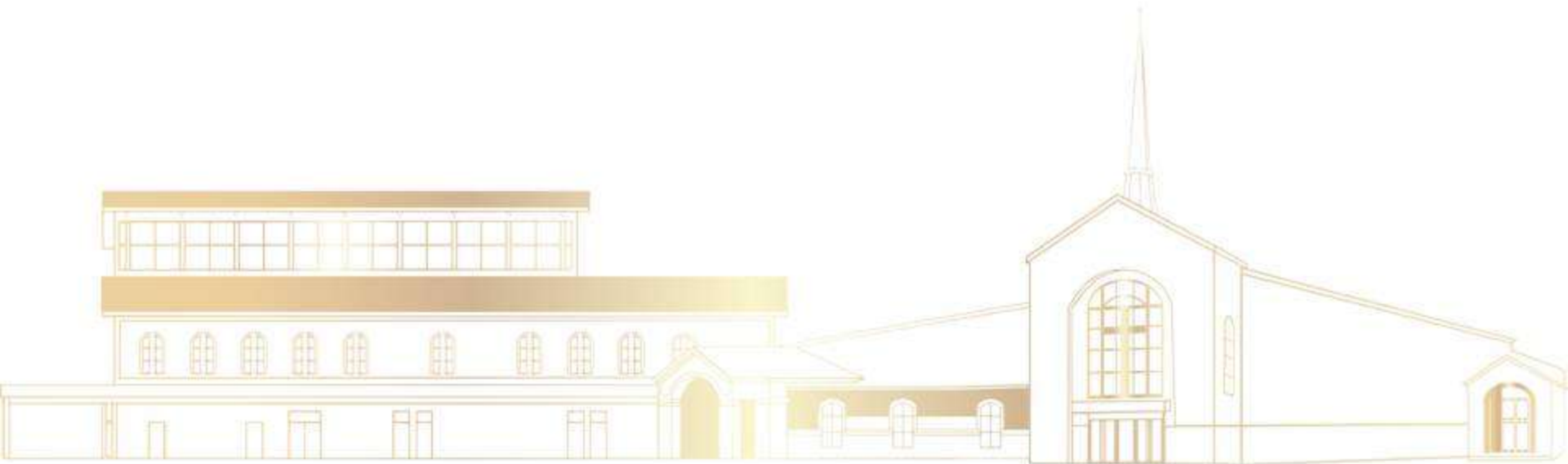
Vine's Expository Dictionary: [View Entry](#)**TDNT Reference:** 3:661,426

KJV Translation Count — Total: 5x

The KJV translates Strong's G2758 in the following manner: [make void](#) (2x), [make of none effect](#) (1x), [make of no reputation](#) (1x), [be in vain](#) (1x).

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Kenosis



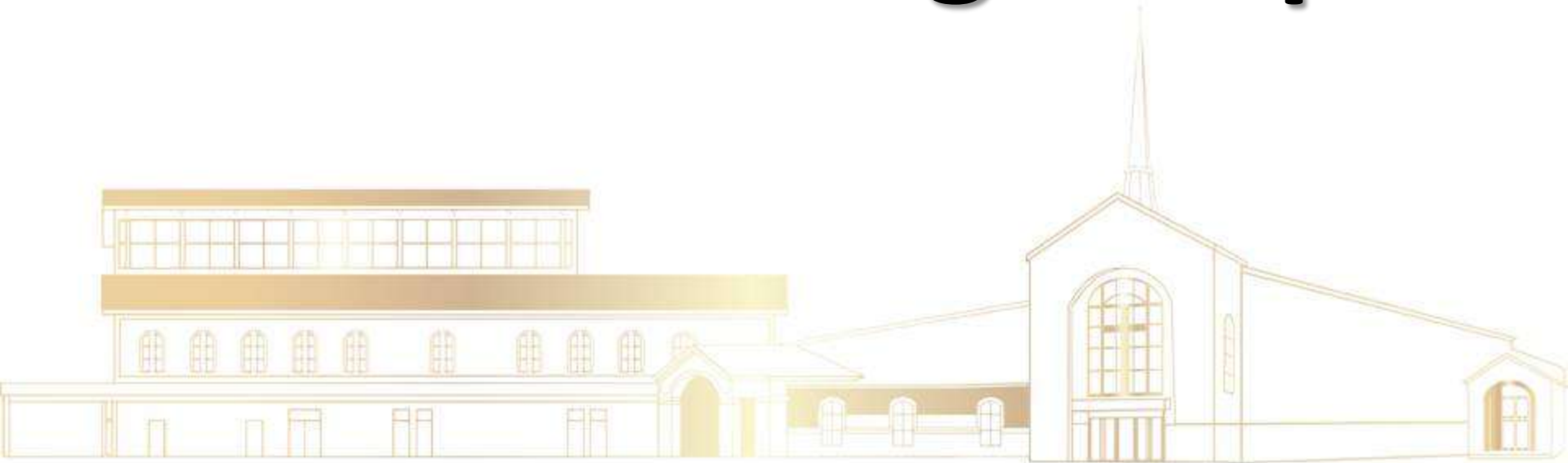
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What does Jesus empty himself of and still retain Divinity?



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Or
What did He give up?



- Ongoing worship in Heaven
- Jesus is on the earth
separated from angelic
worship and the majesty of
heaven



- Immunity from pain and suffering
- Christ will experience headaches, bleeding, sickness, pain, agony, and ultimately death



- Intimacy and fellowship in the Godhead
- The physical confinement in a human body creates separation from the intimacy Christ experienced previously
- Now Christ will pray to the Father



- Independent use of His Divine attributes
- Christ will only use his divine power to do the will of the Father and under the leadership of the Holy Spirit



- Divine Appearance
- Christ now looks like any other human

when we shall see him, *there is
no beauty that we should
desire him.*

Isaiah 53





Philippians 2:7

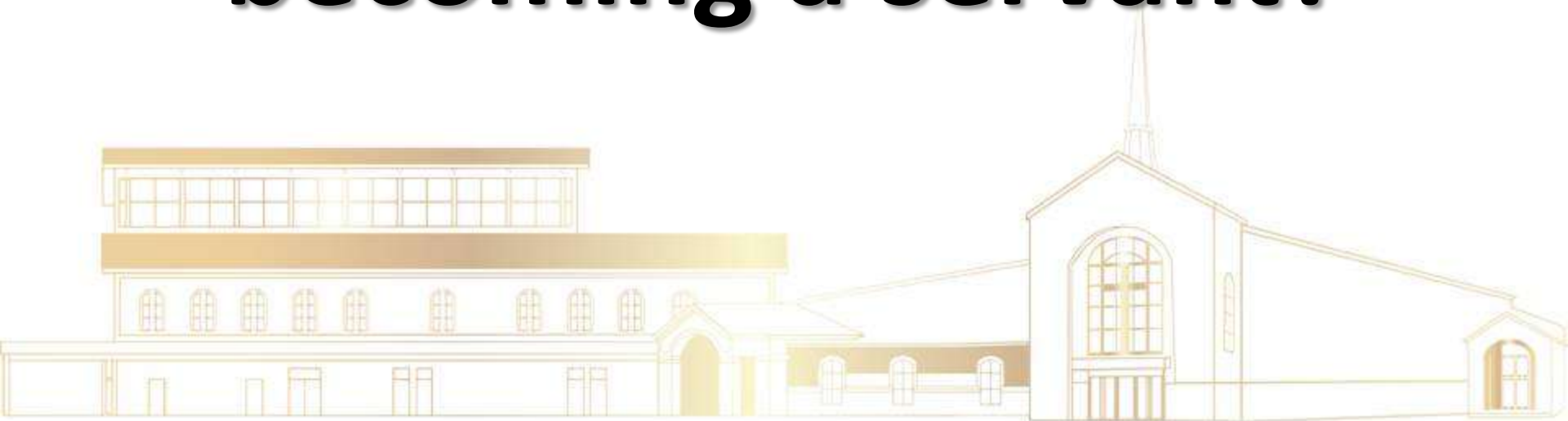
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**What do we make of
the Son of God
becoming a servant?**



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**At this point, Sunday
night, Sunday morning,
and Wednesday night
all intersect.**

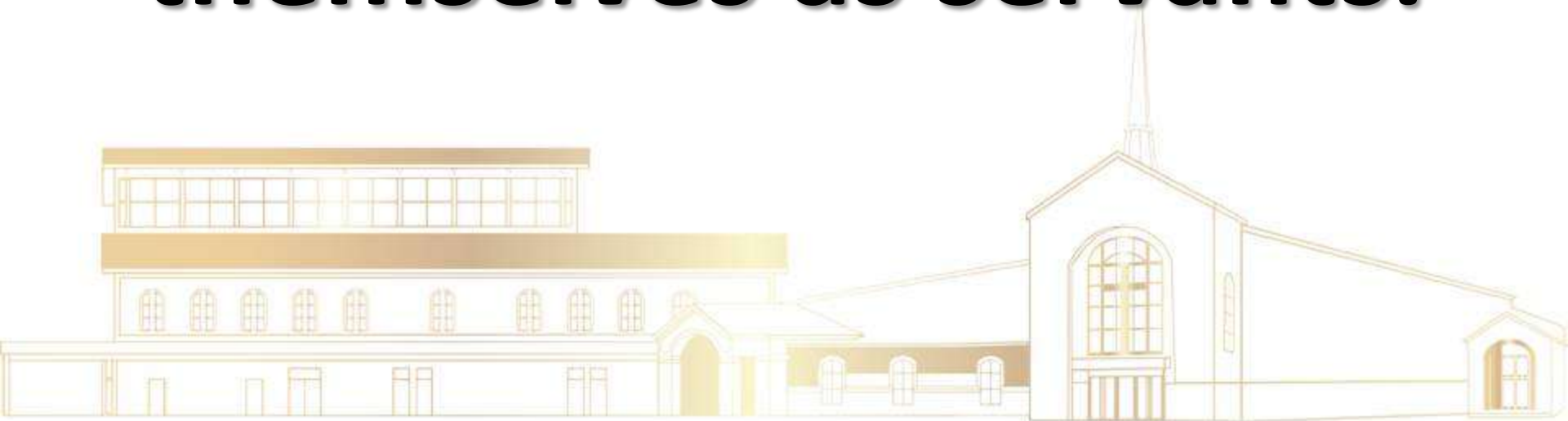


**42 different verses describe
Moses as a servant & Moses is
demanding the release of the
Jews to serve God**



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**Paul, John, Peter, Jude
and **James** all describe
themselves as servants.**



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Turn Over To John 13

Where Jesus describes
all the disciples as
servants



¹ Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴ rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.



⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, do you wash my feet?” ⁷ Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.” ⁸ Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.” ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.”



11 For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “Not all of you are clean.” **12** When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? **13** You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. **14** If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.



John 13:15-16

For I have given you an example,
that you also should do just as I
have done to you. Truly, truly, I
say to you, a servant is not
greater than his master, nor is a
messenger greater than the one
who sent him.



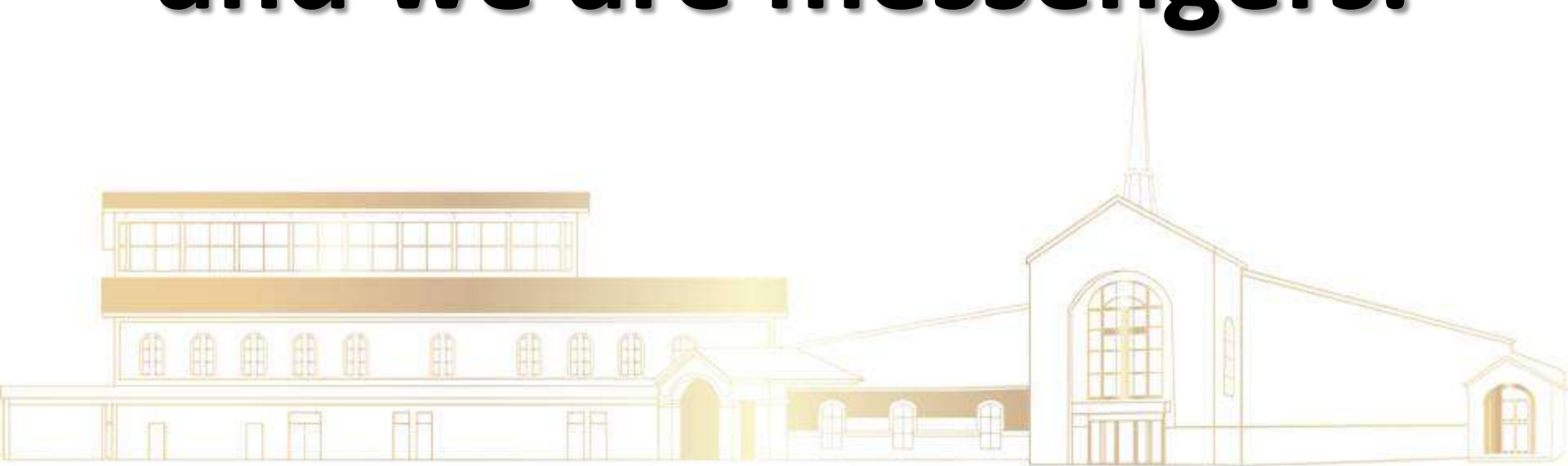
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**If our Master and Lord
became a servant how
much more should I see
myself as a servant?**



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**We are servants
and we are messengers.**



Who do we serve?

#1 Our God & His Son

#2 Spouse (mom & dad)

#3 Children (siblings)

#4 Others

