

# SERVING

THE MAIN THING - Part 3

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**Matthew 14: 13-21**

*“...whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”*

*Matthew 10:43-45 (NIV)*

## THE POWER OF A SERVANT’S HEART

### 1. **A SERVANT HEART.**

*“Jesus replied, They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”*  
*Matthew 14:16 (NIV)*

*“...go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always even end of the age.”* Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT)

*“Just as there are many parts to our bodies, so it is with Christ's body. We are all parts of it, and it takes every one of us to make it complete, for we each have different work to do. So we belong to each other, and each needs all the others.”*  
*Romans 12:4-5 (LB)*

### 2. **GOD EMPOWERS SERVANT HEARTS.**

*“The eyes of the LORD search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him...”* II Chronicles 16:9 (NLT)

*“For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.”* Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

*“He said this to stretch Philip's faith. He already knew what He was going to do.”* John 6:6 (Mess)

### 3. **A SERVANT HEART + GOD’S POWER = ABUNDANT LIFE.**

*“Now glory be to God, who by His mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of--infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes.”* Ephesians 3:20 (LB)

*“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” John 10:10 (NRSV)*

*“‘I tell you the truth,’ Jesus said to them, ‘no one who has left home or wife or brothers or parents or children or fields for Me and the Gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age... and in the age to come, eternal life.’” Mark 10:29-30 (NIV)*