

April 2, 2023 – Palm Sunday. Passion Sunday.

How Will You Serve?

[Philippians 2:5-11](#)

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. Philippians 2:5-7

When first asked if I was available and willing to write a Lenten devotion, my first instinct was “no.” I had never written a devotion before, and there are many people who know so much more about the Bible and its teachings and are much better at putting thoughts into words.

I just didn’t feel like I was a good choice for this task. However, something kept me from responding at that moment, and I had a feeling that I should give it a try.

Once given the scripture that I was asked to write about, I prayed for the wisdom and eloquent words for the devotion I had agreed to write.

Well, those eloquent words didn’t appear.

What did keep coming to mind was the part of the scripture that says Christ humbled himself and became a servant. That was what I was being asked to do.

Isn’t that what he asks all of us to do? He calls us to serve. It may be in big ways like organizing a drive to raise hundreds or thousands of dollars for a good cause that impacts many.

Or, it may be as simple as sending a note of encouragement to an individual who just needs to know someone cares.

Sometimes serving might take us outside our comfort zones.

Other times it might feel so natural we don’t even realize we are acting as a servant.

This Palm Sunday, as we celebrate Christ’s triumphant entry into Jerusalem, let’s all humble ourselves and listen for those calls to serve.

Those calls may not result in triumphant celebrations here on Earth, but I believe they will be celebrated in Heaven.

***Prayer:** Lord, open our hearts and minds to all the nudges you send us to serve. Amen*

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