I HAVE TO LOOK OUT FOR ME Letting Go Of The Excuses – Part 5 September 28, 2025 Jerry Clonch

"[Jesus] said, 'Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else."

Mark 9:35 (NLT)

"Whoever wants to be great must become a servant."

Mark 10:43 (Msg)

"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." Mark 10:45 (NLT)

I. JESUS' EXAMPLE

- "... [Jesus] got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him...."

 John 13:4-5 (NIV)
- "... [Jesus] got up from the supper table, set aside his robe, and put on an apron. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the feet of the disciples, drying them with his apron.... After he had finished washing their feet, he took his robe, put it back on, and went back to his place at the table.... Then he said, 'Do you understand what I have done to you? You address me as 'Teacher' and 'Master, and rightly so. That is what I am. So if I, the Master and Teacher, washed your feet, you must now wash each other's feet. I've laid down a pattern for you. What I've done, you do."

John 13:4-5,12-15 (Msg)

"Simon Peter, a servant..."

2 Peter 1:1 (NIV)

"The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John..."

Revelation 1:1 (NIV)

"Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus..." Romans 1:1 (NIV)

"Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus..." Philippians 1:1 (NIV)

"Paul, a servant of God..." Titus 1:1 (NIV)

II. WHAT SERVING DOES FOR US

- A. It Gets Us And Keeps Us In Spiritual Shape
- **B.** It Enables Us To Make A Real Difference
- C. <u>It Enables Us To Fulfill Our Life Purpose</u>

"We are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

- D. <u>It Determines The Degree We Are Served</u>
 - III. HOW WE CAN SERVE RIGHT NOW
- A. We Can Give
- **B.** We Can Volunteer
- C. We Can Invite