

# KINGDOM

## Heartbeat

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Servanthood

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*"Therefore, if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, **in humility value others above yourselves**, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.*

*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. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!"*

*Philippians 2:1-8*

### Jesus is our model of servanthood

*"Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant,... 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."*

*Matthew 20:25-28*

### Saved to Serve

*"God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For 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 2:8-10*

### Called to Serve

*"... offer yourselves as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God -- which is your spiritual worship...Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind... Don't cherish exaggerated ideas of yourself or your importance, but try to have a sane estimate of your capabilities by the light of the faith God has given to you... Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one Body and each member belongs to all the others... Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically... When God's people are in need, be ready to help them."*

*Romans 12:1-13*

- ⇒ DEDICATE yourself to the kingdom purposes
- ⇒ ELIMINATE distractions / competition for your heart
- ⇒ EVALUATE your role to play
- ⇒ COOPERATE in the church community – 1 Corinthians 12:4-27

- Every member is a minister in Christ's body.
- Every member has a different function.
- Every member's ministry is important.
- Every member belongs to the others.

### Practice Kingdom Serving;

- regular discipline of serving with your spiritual gifts,
- spirit-led responsive serving to needs, and
- sacrificial serving as led by the Holy Spirit.

### Philippians teaches that serving in the Christian community is:

- Modeled by Christ
- Fueled by humility
- Rooted in love for others in community
- Expressed through action and sacrifice
- Encouraged by example of Jesus and faithful disciples
- Empowered by the Holy Spirit
- Overflowing with joy