



# Jesus with Skin On

*Be Willing to Practice Service*

<sup>1</sup>"Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. <sup>2</sup>"So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. <sup>3</sup>But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Matthew 6:1-4



## Engage

When you think of someone whose life is characterized by service, who do you think of and what have they done to be known as a servant?



## Encounter

What was the result of the Samaritan's pity?

What did he do to serve the injured traveler?

Which of the Samaritan's acts of service stands out to you the most?

Which of these do you think were the easiest for him? Where did he cross the line from doing the right thing to being a servant?

Where in Scripture do we see servanthood as a character quality of Christ followers? What is the lesson from these passages?



## Express

What keeps us from serving people to the extent that the Samaritan served the injured man?

How would our hearts and lives be different if we practiced service?

How would our world (homes, families, workplaces, and churches) be different if Christfollowers saw themselves as servants?

What can you do for those around you that shows servanthood rather than just doing the "nice" thing?

Prayer: Spend an extended time in prayer asking God to help you practice serving. Ask God to help you so being a server so I will reap becoming a person who serves.

<sup>25</sup>On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

<sup>26</sup>"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

<sup>27</sup>He answered: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' "<sup>28</sup>"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

<sup>29</sup>But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

<sup>30</sup>In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

<sup>36</sup>"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" <sup>37</sup>The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." Luke 10:25-37