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My Brothers and Sisters In Christ Jesus,

SERVING GOD BY SERVING OTHERS

My teaching this month is about serving.

In the New Testament, Christians are called by many names – brothers, sisters, believers, ambassadors, disciples, children, or saints.

Generally we have no objections to being called by these titles, but there is another

one that may not seem quite as appealing - **servant**. To make matters worse, the Greek word that is often translated as servant or bond-servant actually means slave. And not just any slave, but the lowest slave in the house, who washed people's feet as they entered.

Now this may not be how we like to think of ourselves, but those who occupied the highest levels in the early church considered themselves as lowly slaves. In their New Testament writings, Paul, James, Peter, Jude and John all identified themselves as bond-servants of Jesus Christ. Even Jesus took the form of a bond-servant when He was made in the likeness of men (Phil 2:7). He came to earth to live in perfect obedience to the Father, doing only what He was shown or told, including dying a sacrificial death on the cross to redeem fallen mankind.

Clearly, God places a high value on servanthood, but from a worldly perspective, it's not an esteemed position. When the disciples were arguing about which of them were greatest, Jesus told them, "Whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave" (Matt 20:26-27).

The way to receive honor from God is by being a faithful servant of Christ, not by worldly prominence (John 12:26). But how are we to serve Jesus since He's in heaven and we're here on earth? When Jesus wanted to teach His disciples the importance of servanthood, He assumed the position of the lowest slave, took a basin and towel, and washed their feet. Then He said, "If I then, the Lord and the teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I gave you an example that you also should do, as I did to you" (John 13:14-15). When in the power of the Holy Spirit, we meet the temporal and spiritual needs of those around us – we are serving Christ.

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CWIA Prayer Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, July 29, 2017

9:00 am – Noon (*note change in time*)

Holiday Inn – Carlyle

2460 Eisenhower Avenue
Alexandria, Virginia 22314
Phone: 703.960.2000

2 minute walk from Eisenhower Ave Metro

For info/tickets, call Patti: 703.971.3633

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Cost: \$15 - Buffet Breakfast

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However, there are four important truths that qualify our service:

- 1. First of all, serving is not what we do for God, but what He does through us!** When Jesus ascended to heaven, He left His followers here to carry out His work. In fact, He said that we'd do greater works than He did – not in quality but in volume (John 14:12). Jesus limited His ministry to one geographic location, but He commissioned His disciples to take the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth. Today we have global access as never before – through the internet, broadcasts and publications.
- 2. God is the one who determines how we are to serve Him.** Servants do not pick and choose what to do for their master, they simply follow his instructions. When we decide how we're going to serve Christ, we have usurped His role as Master. God says, "We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand" for us to accomplish (Eph. 2:10). Our responsibility is to discover how He wants us to serve Him, and then get busy doing these specific tasks. He's even given us spiritual gifts that enable us to do exactly what He's planned for each of us (1Cor 12:7).
- 3. No matter what we are doing, ultimately we're serving Christ.** Whatever we do, we do heartily as for the Lord, rather than for men (Col 3:23). When I realized that I was working for Christ, I worked harder to do the best job I possibly could.
- 4. We must realize that we cannot serve ourselves and God at the same time.** In order to become a servant of Christ, we must deny ourselves, take up His cross daily, and follow Him (Luke 9:23).

Christ's apostles willingly served AND died for Him, and there may come a day when we must do the same. But for now, we must simply lay down our own agendas and desires in order to make ourselves available for whatever the Lord would have us do. Christ came not to be served, but to serve! God bless you!

In Christ,

*Your Servant,
Stella Davis*

You are invited to our **prayer breakfast meeting** on **Saturday, July 29, 2017 at 9:00 am** at the **HOLIDAY INN - CARLYLE** at **2460 EISENHOWER AVENUE, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314**. Off Interstate 495, a 2-minute walk from Eisenhower Avenue Metro station. **NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIME. Call in your reservations early** to Patti at 703.971.3633. Price is \$15 and includes a Buffet Breakfast. If staying, ask hotel for CWIA discounted rate. Great praise & worship music. Men and women are invited. A healing service follows.

July 29th: "SPIRITUAL WARFARE Q&A with STELLA DAVIS AND FATHER DAVID"

Those of you that know these two powerhouses know that **this is one of those breakfasts that you will not want to miss!!!** This is your chance to ask specific questions about spiritual warfare from those who know.

Father David, son of Doctors K.P. and Annie Verghese and a friend of CWIA for many years, had a spiritual awakening while serving the poor of Washington D.C. alongside the Missionaries of Charity Sisters. We witnessed his ordination as a priest of Jesus Christ in 2014. What a glorious day!

You know Stella as the Founder and President of Christian Women In Action, with an international teaching and healing ministry. Commissioned at the University of Steubenville Bible Institute as an evangelist, she is the author of "Giving God The Praise" and "Spiritual Warfare for Catholics."

What are you waiting for?!? Call your friends and let them know about this amazing opportunity to ask the spiritual warfare questions you've always been wondering about, but didn't have the opportunity to ask! It's not required, but those who submit your question early to cwiaholyspirit@gmail.com get first dibs.

Our next prayer breakfast will be Saturday, September 30, 2017 at 9:00am.

REGISTER NOW! The CWIA Annual Catholic Charismatic Conference will be held on **October 6-8, 2017**. This year's conference theme is "***I Am The Light of the World, Says The Lord.***" (John 9:5) Great speakers are lined up! As an added bonus, some of our members who went with us to our Medjugorje pilgrimage will share their experience. Come, expecting a great time of fellowship and spiritual growth. **See up-to-date schedule, registration form and more info at cwiaholyspirit.org**. Register and reserve your hotel room **early** to get the **CWIA discount**. For more info contact Patti at (703) 971-3633.

Intercessory Prayer Meetings: Mondays, 10:30am at 5917 Bond Court, Alexandria, Virginia, 22315

Prayer Chain: For prayer, e-mail our Prayer Chain at fraven1@verizon.net.