



# # Soul Survival

Week 5

**Anchor of the Week:** Be a friend and a servant.

#SoulAnchor

Servanthood, Friendship, Fellowship

**Verse of the Week:** Philippians 2:2

Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

- **My Anchor says:**

**What** does it mean to be a servant?....

Name examples in the Bible of those who were servants

- Moses was called God's servant (Exodus 4:10)
- Elisha's servant we just heard about (don't follow this example; II Kings 5:20)
- Naaman's servant was the one who sent him to Israel in the first place (II Kings 5:2)
- Peter as an author declares himself to be a servant (II Peter 1)
- Paul as an author in Titus 1 (and many others)

It means to have the mind of Christ...

**How** can we serve others if we were just talking about simplifying our lives?

I Peter 4:7-11

<sup>10</sup>As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Vs. 11 By the strength of God...

NOTE: right after the servant passage is the suffering passage ☹️ no coincidence

How can we do this? **John 13**

<sup>v. 3</sup> *Jesus*, **knowing** that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God, (our anchor vs. from 2 weeks ago we can know He has given us EVERYTHING we need)

v. 15 our example

v. 17 <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed (happy) if you do them.

## MY QUESTIONS:

- How does serving cultivate humility?
- Has a friend ever influenced you toward God? In what ways?
- How does knowing Jesus open the door to a life of greater simplicity?
- What role do you think prayer plays in making friends?
- Are there people who you sense God has brought into your life? For what reasons?
- Do you have a friend (or group of friends) who acts as "a custodian of the soul"? Someone you can ask vulnerable questions?
- How can you cultivate friendship(s) of mutual encouragement?