# **Marks of a Servant - Part 2**

In our last article we talked about the marks of a servant. We started with a definition that a servant is one employed to perform domestic or other services. We also shared a Scriptural passage concerning servanthood from Matthew 20:26-28. You may be wondering, what does it entail to be a ser-

Many times, a servant will experience suffering as they attempt to help someone else. Nothing we ever do in life is done without some type of cost. Even though everything comes with a price, the rewards of our labor are out of this world. The immediate reward is a sense of worth and satisfaction. If we have the ability to be of service to another, why wouldn't we want to? Paul was a servant of the Lord who truly understood the cost of servanthood.

As we study the life of Paul, there are two things that personal sufferings



Just a Thought

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seemed to have done for him. First of all, because of his sufferings, Paul learned to transfer his trust in self to a trust in God. We sometimes believe that we are in control, and our lives are run according to us. However, God is in charge. He is the One in control and He always has been. We

just need to accept this realization. The second principle is that suffering had awakened the prayers of others on Paul's behalf. If we would only look hard enough, there is always something good that comes from serving the Lord. As Paul was trying to enlighten the assembly at Corinth, his focus was for them to see that we are all in this together.

The sufferings that come from being a servant have definite purpose. Why do God's children experience suffering? Let's look at several reasons that give us food for thought:

- 1. Suffering reveals what metal we are made of – The Proverbs tell us that "iron sharpeneth iron." There are many different types of metal varying from the softest to the hardest. There are times that our Lord tests us just to see who we really are.
  - 2. Suffering will test

- There have been times in my life that I have really searched my soul concerning my love for the Lord. It has been said that we only do what we believe, and the rest is just religious talk. We re-

the sincerity of our heart

3. Suffering will set an edge upon our desires and our prayers – There are times in life when we have no one else to turn to. Proverbs 3:5a tells us "Trust in the Lord..." Where do you place your trust?

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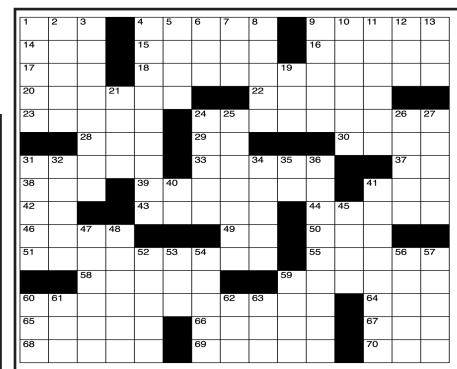
religious talk.

4. Suffering will exercise our faith and patience – The writer of Hebrews puts an interesting twist on our faith, "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6).

5. Suffering will perfect the work of God in us – Isn't it amazing how God will use things to get our attention? We don't usually do our best soulsearching in the good

times. As I look back on my Christian journey, I am thankful for every obstacle that has been placed in my way. It has given me a better and clearer understanding of the work of God and what He expects of me.

As a servant of the Lord, we are reminded that there will be times when things don't go the way we planned, but we are assured of greater blessing for the work we do. Nothing can compare to the satisfaction that comes from serving others.



# Haley, Wilk, Olyer highlight sexual assault awareness month

## Resolution N. 2-2021 passes unanimously

With April being Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Marion Police Chief Angela Haley, Hands of Hope Director Linda Wilk, and WBAT news reporter Samantha Olyer discussed the goals of Sexual Assault Awareness Month and resources available to those

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Answers to puzzles

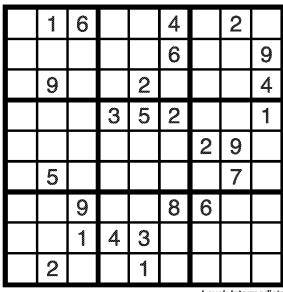
est Marion Common Council meeting, the trio encouraged victims to speak out in an effort to change the sexual assault narrative and get the help they need.

"There is one category in particular that I don't believe accurately reflects what is happening in our community, and that is the category of rape," Haley stated. "Statistically, we know those crimes go under-reported in every community of the country. There is a stigma associated with that."

To help combat victim-

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# By Sean Douglas who have been victims of sexual violence. In the lat-



### Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Intermediate

#### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Pituitary hormone (abbr.)
- 4. Ceramic jars
- 9. Monetary units
- 15. "Superman" actor
- 16. Britonic tribe
- 17. Shorten
- 18. LA Dodgers manager
- 20. Hoarded
- 22. Theatrically portray
- 23. Noah's grandson
- 24. Dependent
- 28. Peyton's little brother
- 29. Cools the house
- 30. Principle part of 31. Type of wrap
- 33. Peels

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Answers to

- 37. Commercial
- 38. Make an attempt
- 39. Arrange in steps

#### **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Batflower genus
- 2. Predatory seabirds
- 3. Fish farm
- 4. Arrangement
- 5. Go in advance of others 6. Bulgarian monetary unit
- 7. " Maria"
- 8. W. African ethnoreligious
- 9. Wild Asian oxen genus
- 10. Vinegary
- 11. To this
- 12. Explosive
- 13. Female sibling
- 19. Orlando museum (abbr.)
- 21. Type of hoop
- 24. About Holy Father
- 25. Academic environment
- 26. Extremely angry
- 27. Surrenders
- 31. Swiss mountain pass

- 41. U. Utah athlete
- 42. Old English
- 43. Trade
- 44. Nostrils
- 46. Ticket seller \_\_Hub
- 50. Institute legal proceedings against
- 51. Takes apart
- 55. Doorway
- 58. Long int'l river
- 59. Trailblazing athlete Gibson
- 60. Former CBS News host
- 64. Sign language
- 65. Badgerlike mammal
- 66. Thin strips of wood
- 67. Brooklyn hoopster
- 68. Portents of good or evil
- 69. Footwear
- 70. When you think you'll arrive

#### 32. Sharp mountain ridge

- 35. Spielberg's alien
- 36 Absurd
- 40. Dorm worker
- 41. Used to make pesticides
- 45. The sister of your father or mother
- 47. A way to let know
- 48. Can't produce much
- vegetation
- 52. Small streams
- 53. Folk singer DiFranco
- 54. Weights
- 56. Start over
- 57. Black Sea resort city
- 59. Wimbledon champ
- 60. Corporate executive (abbr.) 61. Unskilled actor who overacts
- 62. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 63. Of or relating to ears