

# 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 servant?

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

the sincerity of our heart – 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 really don't need any more religious talk.

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?

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 soul-searching 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

By Sean Douglas

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

who have been victims of sexual violence. In the latest 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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## SUDOKU

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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!

### 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!

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### CLUES ACROSS

1. Pituitary hormone (abbr.)

4. Ceramic jars

9. Monetary units

14. Alias

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

37. Commercial

38. Make an attempt

39. Arrange in steps
41. U. Utah athlete

42. Old English

43. Trade

44. Nostrils

46. Ticket seller \_\_Hub

49. Of I

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

### CLUES DOWN

1. Batflower genus

2. Predatory seabirds

3. Fish farm

4. Arrangements

5. Go in advance of others

6. Bulgarian monetary unit

7. " \_\_ Maria"

8. W. African ethnoreligious group

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
32. Sharp mountain ridge

34. Erases

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