

## Title: My Servant Jesus

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Lord Jesus, we lift up our our eyes to you. We lift up our thoughts to you. We lift up our hearts and our ears, that they would listen and obey the Word of the Lord. We thank you, Father for it. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

We are a family of believers who reject having an “appearance of godliness, yet denying the power of God.” We are a family of believers who reject having an “appearance of godliness, yet denying the power of God.” That's the family, and that's the house that you're in. This is the church that you stepped into. One of not having just an “appearance of godliness,” but recognizing that in our weakness, God's power is made strong. We are allowing Him to be the power that goes through us. We are vessels in the hands of the Living God. We are vessels in the hand of the Anointed One. We are vessels in the hand of the Healer. We are vessels in the hands of the King. We are vessels in the hands of the Teacher. We are vessels in the hands of the Good Shepherd. We are vessels in the hands of the Prophet. If you are in the hands of the Prophet, He will prophesy through you. If you are in the hands of the Teacher, He will teach through you. If you are in the hands of the Good Shepherd, He will pastor through you.

We are vessels that are in the hands of the Living God, and the power of God goes through these vessels. You can't fake it. If you want a supernatural marriage, there has to be something unnatural about it. If you want a supernatural life, there has to be something unnatural about it. It has to be supernatural, not of the world, and not of the nature state. We can claim to be supernatural, yet there is disappointment, failures, or maybe a falling short. We see and yearn to be supernatural, yet we fall short of the glory of God. How do you attain that glory being put through you. The only way through is to the cross. To see the glory of God, you must go through the cross. You must lay down your life and die daily to see the resurrection power of the Holy Spirit. This is a hard word. You must eat and drink of the flesh of Christ. Where is that found, at the cross? “This is a hard word,” said the disciples of Jesus. Not the lost, and not those that were not seeking God, but the ones that were following the Living Word. They were following Jesus, the Bread and the Life.

We here at the Garden are a family of believers who reject just having “a form of godliness, yet denying the power of God.” This isn't religion. We don't want religion. We don't want to play games. We don't want to just have you show up and go back home. We want you to come and prepare yourself beforehand to pour out an offering to the Lord. Pour out yourself before Him. I want to be an altar where God can pour out His fire. I want to be a vessel full of oil that is being dumped out before the King. When did I get filled up? Monday through Saturday, so that Sunday I am pouring myself out. Let me be a drink offering before you, God. Let me be a wave offering before you, God. Let me be a burnt offering before you, God. You are the temple of the Living God. You are the vessel in the hands of the King. You are the servant. He is the Master. We are the bond servants. He is the Lord. You see it?

### Second Corinthians 4:6-7 ESV

“For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness, has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

Where is the glory of God? It is in the face of Jesus Christ. We have to have a revealing. We have to have a revelation of the face of Jesus Christ, if you want the glory of God. You can cry

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out for the glory of God, but if you will not look at the face of Jesus Christ, you will fall short. It's shown in the face of the Lord Jesus Christ. Did you see that? "For God, who said, "Let light shine out of the darkness, has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." Now, sometimes when you look at the face of Jesus Christ, He's a Lion, and we love the Lion, right? When we see Jesus as the Lion, we say, "Sign me up." But, when we see Jesus as the Lamb, or when you see Jesus as the Suffering Servant, you cannot know the glory of God unless you see it in the face of Jesus Christ.

Verse seven, "But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us." The treasure is the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, and you're in the hands of the God of power. You're in the hands of Christ, but you cannot "show this surpassing power in your vessel of clay," unless you are willing to look at the face of Jesus Christ. Why does this matter? Because, Jesus came as a Servant. Jesus came as a Servant. He was selfless. The face of Jesus Christ is the glory of God, and we have this treasure in jars of clay, that the surpassing power of God may not be from us, but from Himself."

#### Philippians 2:5-11 ESV

"Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus." When I see the face of Jesus Christ, then I can be renewed in my mind. You have the mind of Christ. That I might have the mind, which is mine, when I see the face of Jesus Christ. I see right now, "as in a mirror, faintly dimming," but when we see Him, "we will be made like Him." So, "Have this mind among yourselves," which is yours when you choose to look in the face of Jesus Christ. You see a revelation, have an unveiling, have an encounter to know the glory of God. "Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus."

Verse six, "Who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped." Verse seven, "But emptied Himself by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men." Jesus emptied Himself to be in the form of a servant. Sometimes we forget that the Holy Spirit called Him, "My Servant, Jesus." The Holy Spirit called the Son of God, God Himself, the Man God walking on the Earth, "*My Servant*." Holy Spirit said, "This is My Servant." My Servant, Jesus, because Jesus Himself, emptied Himself. He emptied Himself to be used fully in the hands of the Living God. Jesus, emptied Himself, so that He could be a jar of clay, a jar of dirt in the hands of the Living God, "that the surpassing power and the surpassing glory of His greatness would be revealed upon us." Wow. Am I saying that Jesus was 100% man? Yes. Am I saying He's 100% God? Yes, He is divine, and yet 100% man. But, sometimes you have to understand that even the Holy Spirit said, "He is My Servant, My Bondservant." You say, "Grant, where is that verse?" "I will get there, okay, keep going."

Verse seven, "But Jesus emptied Himself by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men." Verse eight, "And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." Therefore, when we see ourselves in the face of Christ, when we find ourselves, we see Jesus, the Servant. If you want to know the glory of God, you have to be a servant like Jesus. If you are knowing Him like the servant, and if you are knowing yourself as a servant of the Holy Spirit, then this is what happens. Verse nine, "Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed upon Him the name that is about every name." Verse ten, "So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in Heaven and on Earth and under the Earth." Verse eleven, "And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God, the Father." We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, amen. The glory of God is in the face of the Servant, Jesus Christ. I added a word, "Servant." The glory of God is in the face of the Servant, Jesus Christ.

The Christian walk is a walk of serving. The Christian walk is a walk of bonding yourself as a slave to righteousness. What does that mean? You bond yourself as a slave to righteousness.

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He, who is our righteousness. He, who is my righteousness. Well, who is my righteousness? Christ? What am I doing? I have chained myself to Him. I have chained myself to Christ. He is my righteousness. As He is, so I am. Who is He? A servant having the attitude of a servant. All through Isaiah, He calls out, "My servant, My servant, My servant, whom I send to you. Jesus came to fulfill the prophet Isaiah, in being the Servant, "I am the Servant." But, we long for the King. Ah, yes, we do, but in this world, you will be the slave to righteousness. Wow. This is the cross. Say, "This is the cross. This is where He's calling me."

#### Philippians 2:3-7 ESV

"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit." Why? Because, that's not in the face of Jesus. That's not in the glory of God. "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves." Verse four, "Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interest of others." Verse five, "Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus." Verse six, "Who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped." Verse seven, "But emptied Himself by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men." There is a cost, and there is a sacrifice of self. Everything comes down to sacrificing yourself. You're giving your time. "Well that belongs to me." You're giving your money. "Well that belongs to me." You're giving your talents. "Well that belongs to me." You're giving your thoughts, your heart, your strength, your will, your mind. "All of those things belong to you," so you said.

But who is the author and giver of life? We find out, but yet we cling to those things that we want to have at least some say in. Holy Spirit, through this journey, will keep saying, "Why do you keep clinging to that? Give it to Me." He will continuously ask you to serve and continuously ask you to give up. This is the lifestyle of a servant who has no time, who has no money, who has no identity other than the identity of his Master. Who has no future, except for the future of that Master. You say, "Did I sign up for that?" Did you get dunked in the water and then say, "In Christ I live?" Then, yes. You say, "Where was that? Was that in the footnotes?" This is the walk of Christ. He was a Suffering Servant. He said, "If they suffered me, then they're going to suffer you. If they persecuted me, then they will persecute you. If they hated me, then they will hate you."

We see the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. Why do you do what you do? Because, I have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. I have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, because I deny having a form of godliness that rejects the power therein. That's the difference, because you can do religion for a while, but if you haven't seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, then it will die off. The fire will fade away. Because, who keeps giving up their life for religion? Nada, nobody, no one will. This is what the Holy Spirit said out of the apostles when the Holy Spirit fell and filled them up. They testified about who Jesus was.

#### Acts 3:13-15, 26 ESV

This is Peter speaking in Solomon's portico. He is just preaching the gospel. This is what he says, "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant, Jesus." We would think that should be Jesus Christ. What other word could we put there? "Christ, Messiah, Anointed One, Powerful One," but Holy Spirit glorified, "My Servant, Jesus, whom you," He's talking to the Jews there, "delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate when he had decided to release Him." He backs it up again when Holy Spirit says through Peter, in Verse twenty-six, "God, having raised up His Servant," Jesus, "sent Him to you first to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness." "Well, that was just one sermon. No, it continues in chapter four, verse 27.

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We are a church that is asking for the glory of God. We're asking for the glory of God. Look at when the glory of God fell right here. What did they have a revelation of? What did they see in the face of Jesus? Are we ready? We've probably read this, I hope, a thousand times.

Acts 4:27-31 ESV

“For truly in this city, they were gathered together against your Holy Servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your Holy Servant, Jesus. And when they had prayed,” When they had prayed this prayer. When they had prayed this way. When they had prayed with this revelation. “The place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.” Why? Because, they saw the glory of God in the face of the Servant, Jesus Christ. If that's our Master, if that's our Lord, and that's our King, then I am a slave and a servant of Him. When you get that, then the shaking came. The revelation was not carnal, but glory. The revelation was that selflessness brought the glory of God. What an interesting thing.

Yes, shall we read it again? “For truly, in this city, there were gathered together against your Holy Servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your Holy Servant, Jesus.” And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.”

The room was filled and shaken when they acknowledged the power of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ as the Servant of God. The room was filled and shaken, when they acknowledged the power and the glory of God, in the face of Jesus, was the face of the Servant of God. Remember, “we are but jars of clay, that are filled with the surpassing power of God, that it would not be of us but of Him.” We are vessels in the hand of the Living God.

When you gave your heart to the life and the walk of Jesus, this means that you chose to never be content, or satisfied, or happy, in this world. “Oh, Grant,” you say. When you give your heart to the life and walk of Jesus, this means that you have chosen to never be content, to never be satisfied, and to never be happy in this world. You say, “Wow, what a bummer,” right? That's in our constitution, the pursuit of happiness. “To pursue happiness,” isn't that a part of what we live for as Americans?

But, “You're not of this world.” You chose that, “Not my life, but yours, God.” ‘I have given all that I have.’ ‘All that I am is yours.’ ‘I am not of this world.’ Now, is there bliss and is there joy? Yes. Is that happiness? That's a good question. Is joy and bliss, happiness? Maybe in some definition, but we have chosen not to be content, or satisfied, or settle for that contentment, for that satisfaction, or for that happiness. But, the American Dream says, “Once you find it, just be happy. Just be content. Just be settled.” The walk of Jesus is, “I am always increasing in zeal, and I always have something to do. I always have a place to go. I always have something to do.” Can anything good come out of Nazareth? Come and see. Can anything good happen in San Angelo? Come and see. We always have something to go to. We always have a purpose. Because, the government is increasing, and the increase of His government shall have no end. It is never content. It is never satisfied. It is never settled and finished. He said, “It is finished,” at the cross of the soul.

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But, His Kingdom of God is advancing. The Kingdom of God is at hand. The hand that is settled is not on the move. There is no retirement, there is no contentment, there is no satisfied, or "I've finally made it," in the Kingdom of God. Even when you're in Heaven, you will be thirsting and hungering for the fullness of God. The angels are not content worshiping God, 24/7. They long to see a new revelation of His face, and they're in His face all day long. But, they're not like, "You know what? Man, let's trade out here for five minutes. I need a five minute break." They say, "No, I want to see the face of God." They're not content. They're not satisfied. They long for the salvation that we see. They inquire of it. Yet, "The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." When you give your heart to the life and the walk of the Servant Jesus, this means that you have chosen to never be content, to never be satisfied, and to not be happy in this world. I say these things to wake up your ears.

#### Hebrews 11:13-16 ESV

This is talking about Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and how they were sojourners in the land that God promised them. They chose to be nomadic when they could have settled.

Verse thirteen says, "These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the Earth." Verse fourteen, "For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland." Verse fifteen, "If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return." Verse sixteen, "But as it is, they desire a better country that is a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared for them a city."

What are we saying here? It's saying that if you're asking for the glory of God, when the glory of God comes, you will not be settled. If you're asking for the Kingdom of Heaven, you will never find a time to be satisfied and settled and rested because you are in the rest of God. Does this make sense? He is Lord of the Sabbath. In Him is rest. It's not a soulish rest. It's not a physical rest. It's a spiritual rest that empowers the rest of your body to get up and go. So when you're asking for the glory of God, it's like you're asking not for a country of this world. You're asking for the country of another world. So, when I'm "asking for the glory of God, your Kingdom come, your will be done on the Earth as it is in Heaven." Well, that Kingdom is always on the move. That Kingdom is never settled. That Kingdom has a zeal, and the zeal of the Lord accomplishes it. That Kingdom has a fire, and how I wish that it was kindled upon the Earth.

That Kingdom is not a religion that settles and gets stuck. That Kingdom will not come unless you are ready to go. That Kingdom cannot come unless you are willing to be hands and feet on the go. It will go to Judea and Samaria and to all the ends of the Earth, as far as the east is from the west. You can't reach the end, because if you keep going east, you keep going east. If you keep going west, you keep going west. That is the Kingdom of God. That is what it looks like. As far as your sins are, from east to the west. The Kingdom of God will ever expand. It's infinite. This is what it looks like to be in the House of God. We will always have something to do forever. I'm just breaking up that you will always have something to do forever. You will always have something to do forever, because it's life and life abundantly. He is our rest. He is the Lord of the Sabbath. You will always have something to do with fulfillment and joy and purpose and life forever. Wow.

But how do we do it? We go to the cross. We kill what is of this world if you really want the world to come, the world that is coming, and the world that is here, "the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

Colossians 3:3,5,8-11 ESV

Verse five, “Put to death therefore what is earthly in you.” What did I say? “Put to death therefore what is earthly in you.” If you want the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, you must put to death what is natural for the supernatural. You must, “Put to death what is earthly,” what is, “dirt,” in you. You must put to death these things. Why? It says in verse three, “For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you will also appear with Him in glory.” When I see the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, my life appears in glory. Then there is this clash of dirt and earth and flesh and self, and it's rubbing me wrong with the glory of God. Something has to either be given up or something has to die.

The Bible is saying, “Will you choose to put it to death?” That is what you saw in the Servant, Jesus Christ. When this dirt encountered the glory of God, He chose not to coexist with it. He chose not to settle with parts of His heart or parts of His soul with it. He chose to kill it, that the glory of God would come through that jar of clay. This is what it looks like. Verse eight, “But now you must put them all away, anger, wrath, malice, slander and obscene talk from your mouth.” Verse nine, “Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices.” Verse ten, “And have put on the new self, which is being renewed in the knowledge after the image of its Creator.” Verse eleven, “Here there is not (race) Greek and Jew, (religion) circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free, but Christ is all and in all.”

I broke it up so you could hear it. There is nothing of the soul there. There's nothing of the flesh. Anything that you could have clung to as an identity saying, “Oh, I'm Greek. Oh, I'm Jew. Oh, I'm circumcised. Well, you're uncircumcised. Well, I'm a barbarian. Oh, I'm from Iowa. Oh, I'm from Texas. Well, I love this. Well, I love that.” He says, “No, no, no. The only identity that you will have is who you are bound to by a chain. “I cling to Christ. I have made myself a bondservant to Him.” Or, you say, “I have made myself a slave to myself and what I want.” These can be areas of the heart. This is the work of the cross in our lives. Wow, right?

First John 2:15-17 ESV

“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.” Verse sixteen, “For all that is in the world— The lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life is not from the Father, but is from the world.” Put to death the things of the world. Verse seventeen, “And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.”

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John 15:19 ESV

This is Jesus. He's speaking to His disciples. He's speaking to us. Say, “He's speaking to me.” Verse nineteen, “If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own. But because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.”

When I was growing up, this was like a litmus test. I was taught this in the house, that if the world is loving you, why is that happening? If I am likable in the worldly manners, something is off, almost like a litmus test if I am likable in the soul. Now you say, “Well, I like you, Grant.” Okay, great. Thank you. We're after the heart of it. Let's speak maturely. I understand that we have a unity of the brethren. Yes, I understand there's a bond of peace. Yes, I know that we are connected by the Holy Spirit. I'm not negating that. I'm not saying that we should all be angry at each other and always grumbling and complaining. I understand. But, if we are connecting by soulish ways, those are not relationships that will last.

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If we are connecting by spiritual ways, through the Holy Spirit and through the glory and the presence of God, those are relationships that last. But, if I'm only connecting to my brothers and sisters in Christ in worldly, soulish ways, then those relationships will eventually have to be pruned, cut, burned, up, or refined. However the Lord wants to do it. We have done that with each other in this house. I have seen it happen, and the Lord has refined it and purified it to be right. But through those things, He wants us to go deeper in encountering His presence in the face of the Servant Jesus, so that we're bonded together.

I have experienced dying with brother so and so. I know he is never going to leave or forsake me. Why? Not just because, we're just such close brothers, and because we get along so well. Or, you know, he thinks about sports the way I think about sports. No, it's because we have fasted and prayed and died to self and given up those things. He's not going to leave me because he has gone through the same fire that I went through. That's why a house that fasts together all of a sudden feels that same bond when everybody's fasting. They're not talking about it, and they're not glorifying the fasting. They're not making it a thing of the soul. They're not making a thing of it. We're all fasting. Do you know what I'm talking about? But when we're fasting, and everybody has no idea, then you're suffering through in the Servant Jesus together, and that is the spiritual bond of peace when we have given up ourselves for the glory of God.

We have seen it in serving a suffering Christ. He says, "Come follow Me." That is the glory realm. That is where a vessel that's so broken, the power of God can go through. But, if we're going to rely upon getting the glory of God through how we connect with people in the soul, God looks at that and says, "I can't use that." That link in that chain was going to break in the fire of God. Then I have a greater mess to mend. You with me? Good.

#### John 15:19 ESV

"If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own. But because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you."

Let's stand and let's pray. If you need us to pray over anything, aches, pains, heartaches, heartbreaks, or infirmity, we would love to pray over that. If you need to spend time with the Lord, I'm going to play some music, and just spend time with the Lord, amen.

"Lord Jesus, we acknowledge that the power of the glory of God is revealed in Acts chapter four, in the face of your Servant Jesus. We acknowledge God that your heart was a heart of sacrifice. We acknowledge that your Spirit was a relentless Spirit on the move. We acknowledge that you have not settled in Heaven, but you are ever interceding for us in the Heavenly realm. That you are not resting on your laurels, but you are ever fervent for the Kingdom of God to come. We are jars of clay in the hands of a Living God. Teach us how to give up self and selfish ambition and conceit and thinking of ourselves more highly than we ought. That we would lay down our lives for the glory of God. In Jesus' mighty name I pray, amen.