Learning To Be A Servant

...and a Slave too

Loving Our Neighbor:

- In terms of doctrinal purity
 - "Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers" I Tim. 4:16.
- In terms of moral purity
 - "Walk with wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person." Col. 4:5-6

Servant Leadership Is Real Leadership

Negative Example

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SERVANT

Vs.

SLAVE/BOND-SERVANT

Would You Hear A Slave Say This?

- "I just don't have the time"
- "My child has a tournament this weekend"
- "Somebody else will do it"

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Positive Example

- Son of God
 - "came not to be served but to serve"
 - "give His life a ransom"

"but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant [doulos], being born in the likeness of men" – Phil. 2:7

- What's unique is that he refers to Jesus as the "Son of David".
 - This was not the popular opinion of the day.
- What's unique is his persistence.
 - The more he is shouted down, the more he shouts for Jesus.

HEALING OF BARTIMAEUS

What's so unique about this narrative?