

The Servant Leader's Heart



Presented By
Pr. Robert Osei-Bonsu PHD
WAD, President

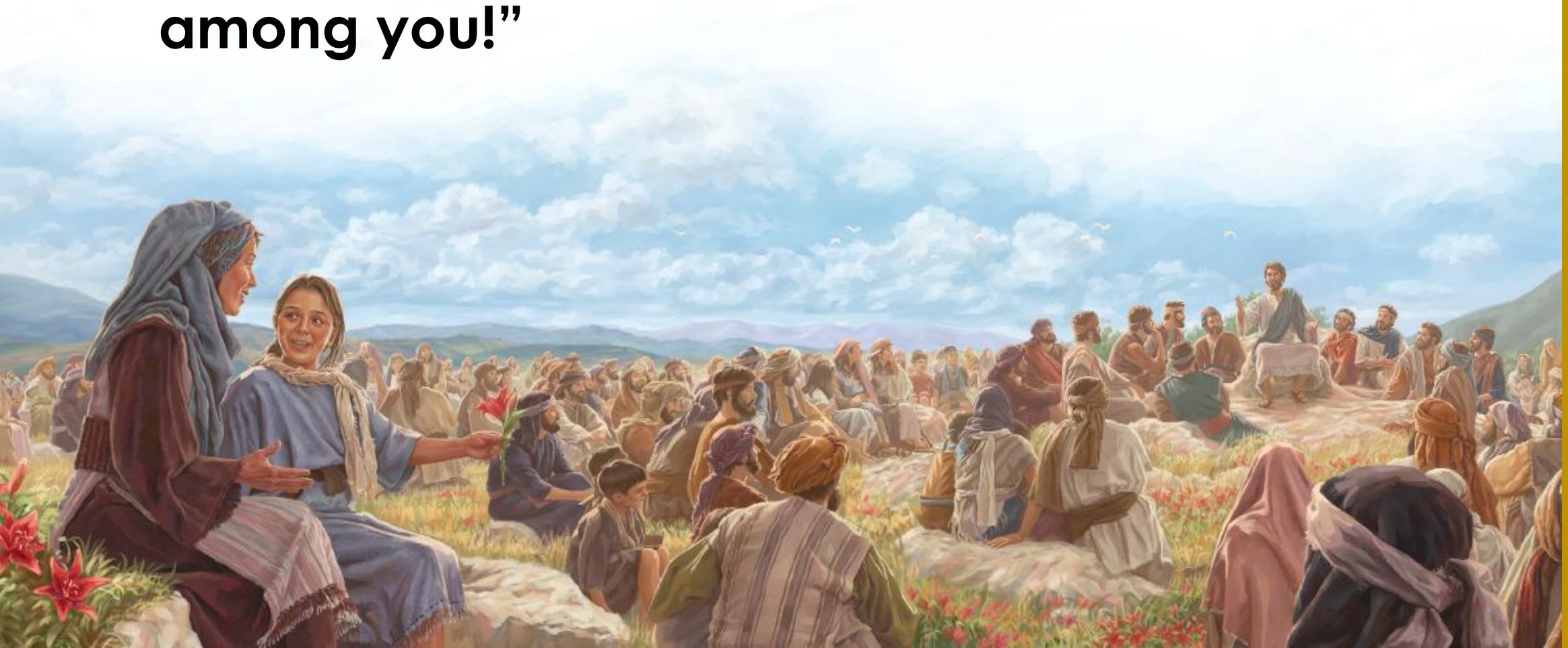


“But it shall not be so among you:
but whosoever will be great among
you, shall be your minister:
And whosoever of you will be the
chiefest, shall be servant of all.
For even the Son of man came not
to be ministered unto, but to
minister, and to give his life a
ransom for many.”

Mark 10:43–45



In a world where leadership is defined by power, position, and prestige—Jesus says to His disciples, **“It shall not be so among you!”**





In a world where **thrones** matter more than **towels**, **titles** outshine **testimonies**, and many fight for the seat at the head of the table, **Jesus flips the script.**

“Whoever desires to be great among you must be your servant.”



He said the **path to greatness is service.**

He said **leadership without love is worthless.**

He said **Step down and stoop low.**

Because *authentic leaders bend their knees before they stretch their hands!*





“It shall not be so among you!”

Jesus says, “Kingdom leadership doesn't climb ladders, it washes feet.”

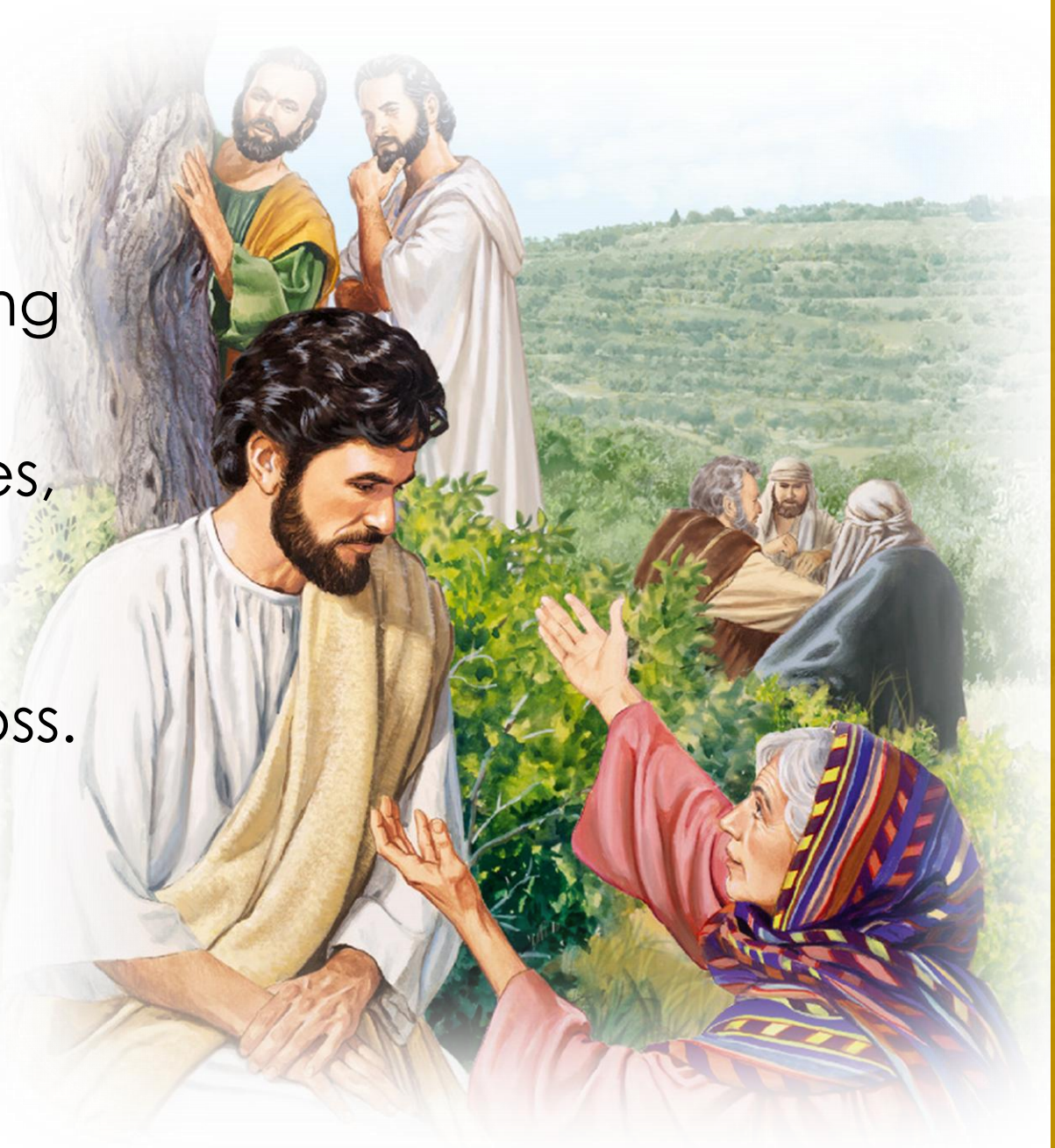


Context: The Clash of Expectations

James and John came asking for **seats of glory**.

They were angling for thrones, not towels.

They wanted power without pain, crowns without the cross.



Let us be honest — the human desire for recognition, status, and elevation is universal.

Too many leaders today still seek these, not the cross, the towel, the water basin, or the kneeling position.

But Jesus says, **“That’s not how we roll in the Kingdom.”**



Jesus:

The Model Servant Leader

Let me lift up the ultimate example: ***Jesus, the Son of Man!***

He had the highest rank in the universe but ***came down 42 generations.***



Jesus: The Model Servant Leader

He touched lepers.

He welcomed children.

He broke bread with sinners.

In John 13, the King of kings wraps a towel around His waist, bends down, and **washes the dirty feet of doubting, denying, betraying disciples!**



Jesus: The Model Servant Leader

What kind of leader
does that?

A **servant leader**.

A **king who kneels**.

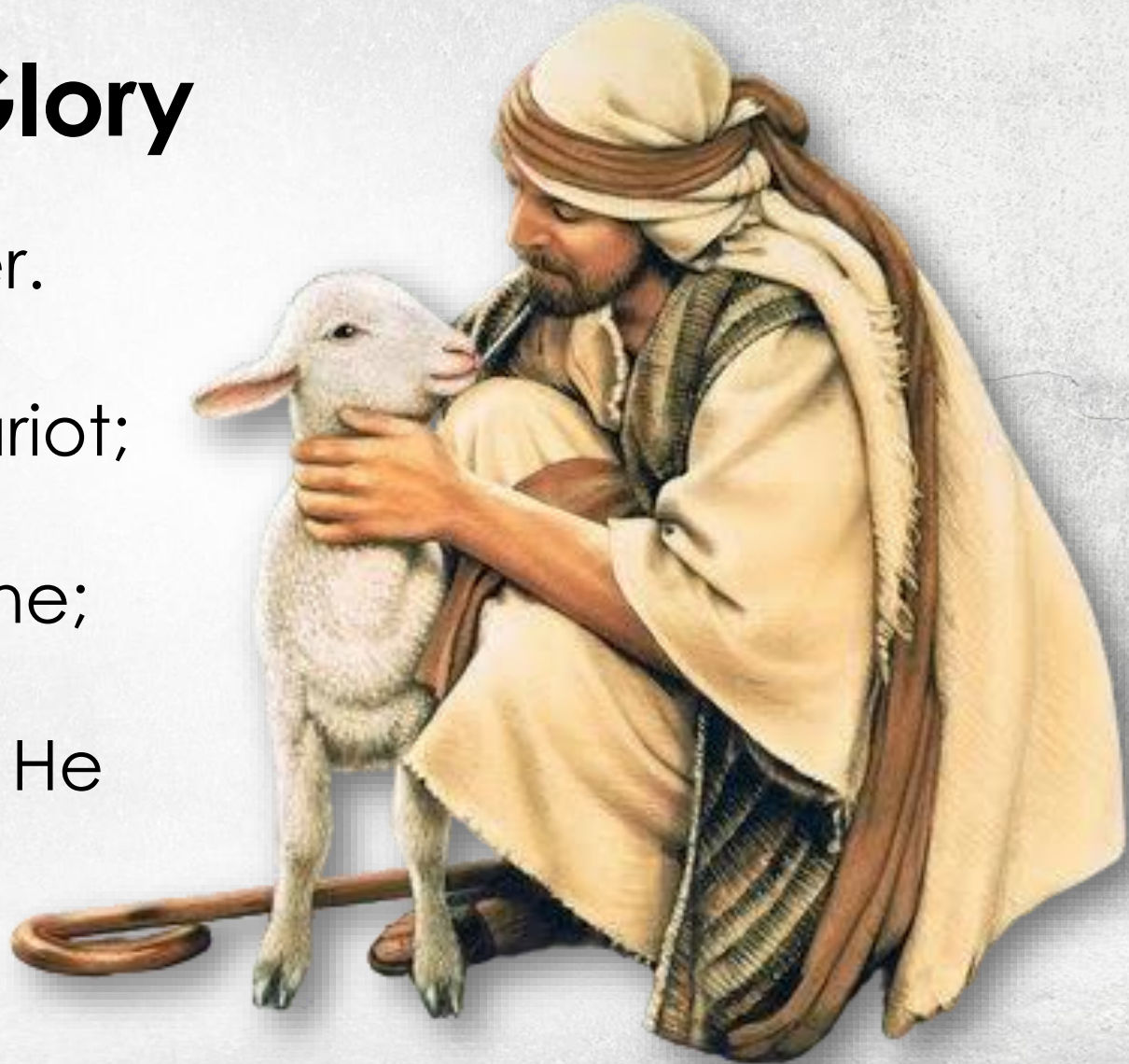
A **Savior who serves**.

And if the **Son of God**
can get low, what
excuse do **we** have?



Jesus' Model – Servanthood as Glory

Jesus was not anti-leader.
He was anti-pride.
He didn't come in a chariot;
He came on a donkey.
He didn't ascend a throne;
He hung on a cross.
He didn't wield a sword; He
washed feet.



Jesus' Model – Servanthood as Glory

Leadership in the Kingdom
is not about domination,
but demonstration—not
about power over people,
but power under pressure.
Jesus redefined greatness.





EGW Insight – Leaders Are Not Appointed, They Are Anointed

“Not by the decisions of courts or councils are men made leaders, but by the influence they exert as servants of God.” —

Acts of the Apostles, p. 96



EGW Insight – Leaders Are Not Appointed, They Are Anointed

You don't become a leader because the committee voted you in; you become a leader because **Heaven called you to kneel, to serve, and to sacrifice.**





EGW Insight – Leaders Are Not Appointed, They Are Anointed

You don't carry influence because you wear a suit or sit on a platform.

You carry influence when you carry people, when you carry burdens, when you carry the mission.



EGW Insight – Leaders Are Not Appointed, They Are Anointed

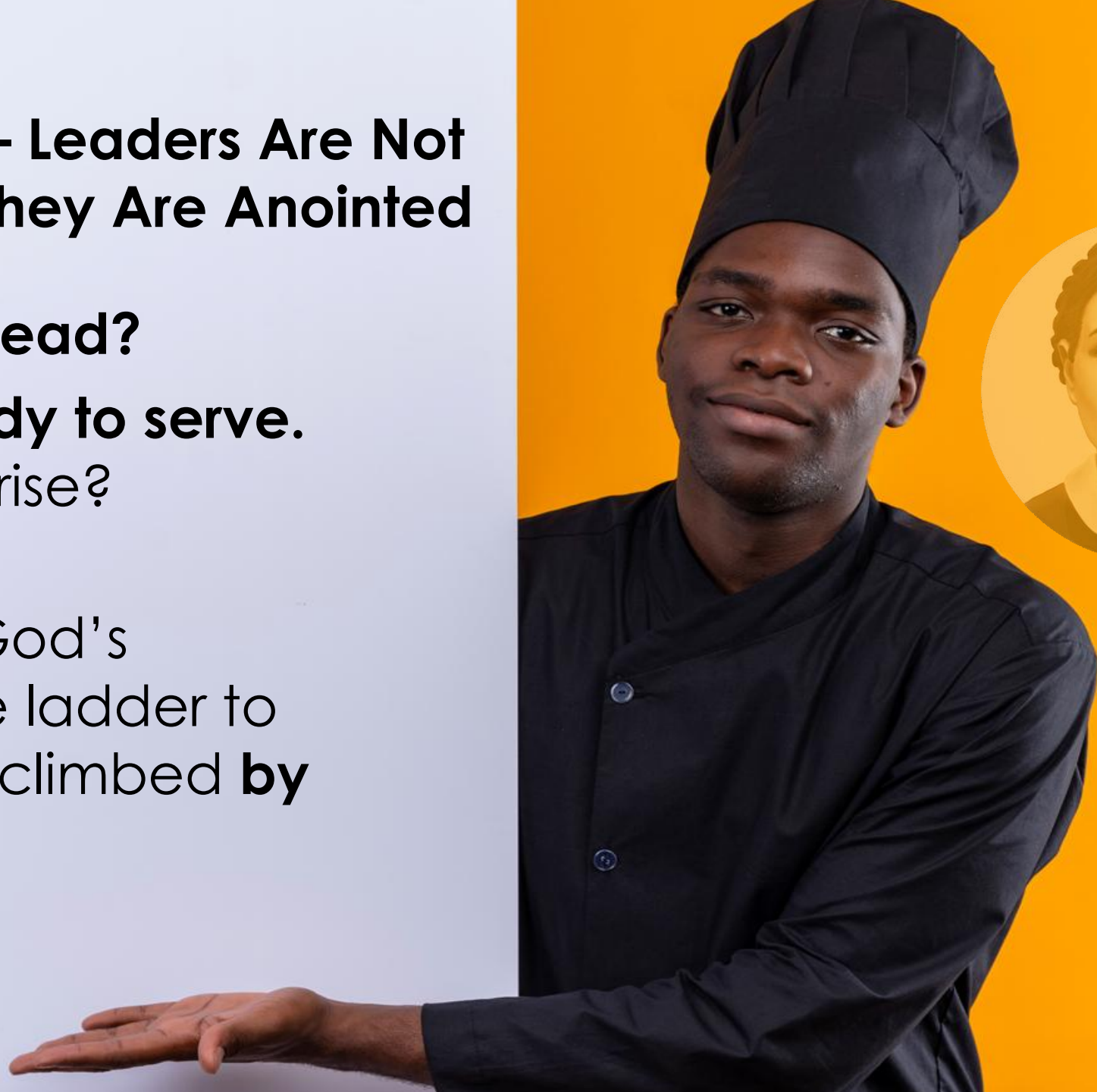
You want to lead?

Then get ready to serve.

You want to rise?

Then go low.

Because in God's kingdom, the ladder to leadership is climbed **by going down.**



Application: Leaders with Towel and Basin

You're missing the call if you carry the title of President but don't carry a towel.
If you occupy the seat of Executive Secretary but won't wash feet, you've misunderstood your ministry.



Application: Leaders with Towel and Basin

If you are a Treasurer/CFO who counts the tithe but not the *tears of your people*, you've counted the wrong thing.



Application: Leaders with Towel and Basin

Authentic leadership in the Kingdom is cross-bearing, people-lifting, self-emptying service.

It's not about being first — it's about being **faithful to the last.**





A Call to WAD Leaders – We Serve to Lead, and Lead to Serve



A Call to WAD Leaders – We Serve to Lead, and Lead to Serve

And we must never
forget that **when the fire of
mission burns low, the
servant-leader fans the
flame!**

We lead because we
serve, and serve
because **He first served us.**



Implication for WAD Leadership

WAD Impact 2025 a **call to servant leadership!**

The reason churches moved, members rose, and souls were reached is not because we showed power—it's **because we showed service.**



Implication for WAD Leadership

That is **servant leadership**.

That is **Christlike leadership**.

And if we're going to keep the momentum burning, we must lead not from the *boardroom*, but from the *upper room* — where leaders bend down and say, "**How can I serve you?**"

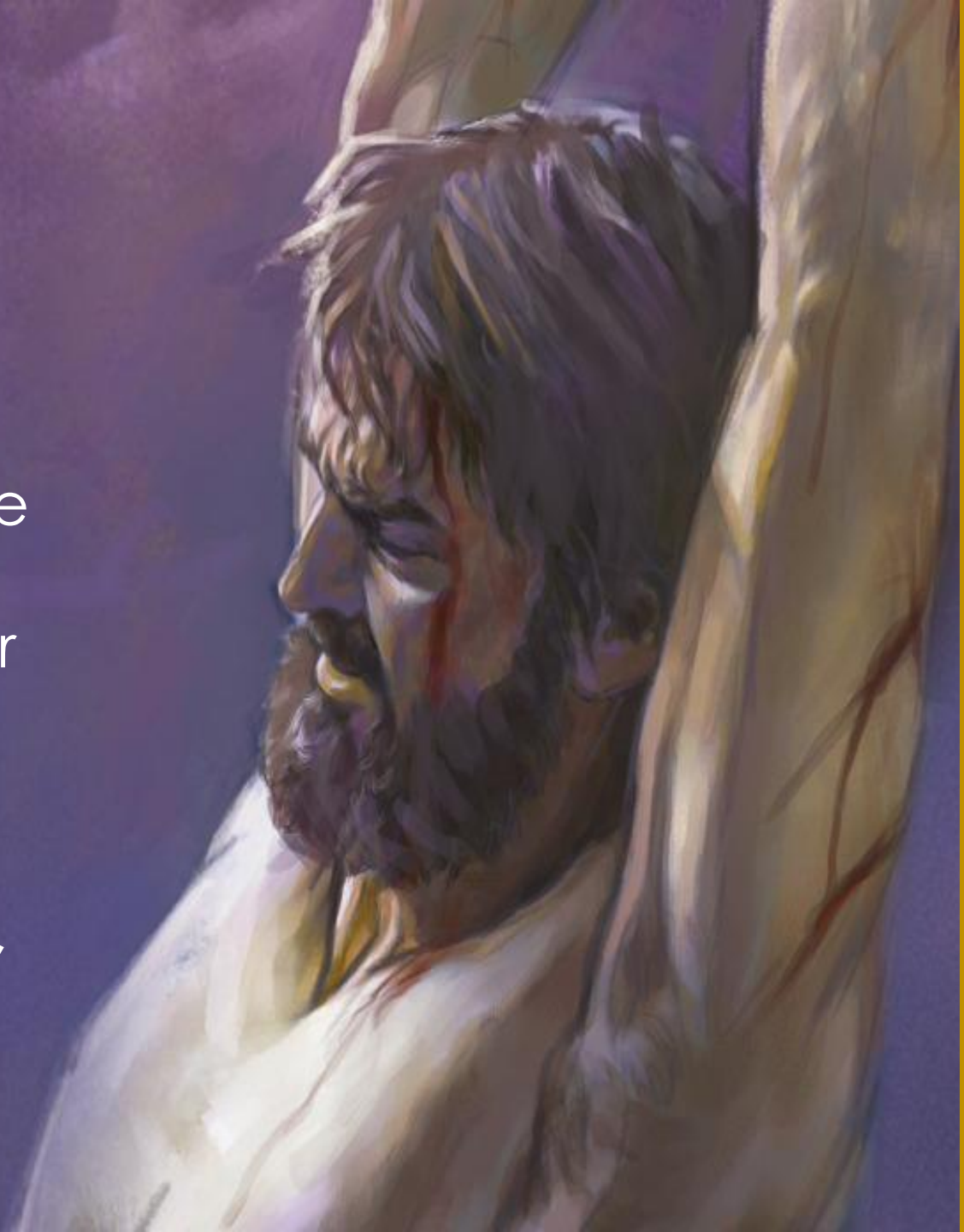


The Model of the Master – He Gave His Life

Jesus didn't say He came to start a board. He said He came to give His life.

Real leaders don't cling to their lives—they **lay them down**.

He gave His life as a ransom—and I dare say, **until you've given something that cost you, you haven't led in Christ's name.**



The Model of the Master – **He Gave His Life**

Where are the leaders
who will **give their time,
comfort, ego, and
ambition** for the sake
of **mission**?



Conclusion:

Will You Lead Like Jesus?

A call to every Union President,
every Director, every Treasurer,
every Secretary:

**Let this week begin with a towel in
your hand, not a title on your chest.**
Let this season be about souls, not
seats; about burdens, not budgets;
about faithfulness, not fame.



Do you have the *Servant Leader's Heart*?

Are you ready to **go low so others can rise?**

Are you ready to **kneel so the gospel can stand tall?**



The world is still looking for leaders. But not just any leaders.

Heaven is looking for leaders with a towel.

God is calling for **Presidents who kneel, Secretaries who pray, Treasurers who love, Departmental leaders who serve.**



“It shall not be so among you...”

The highest place in the Kingdom is the lowest posture before people. The greatest leadership is serving when no one is watching.



**“Lord, give me the Servant
Leader’s Heart — make me
more like Jesus,”**

***“Make me a servant...
humble and meek... Lord,
help me lift up those who are
weak...”***

Let’s pray.



Thank You

