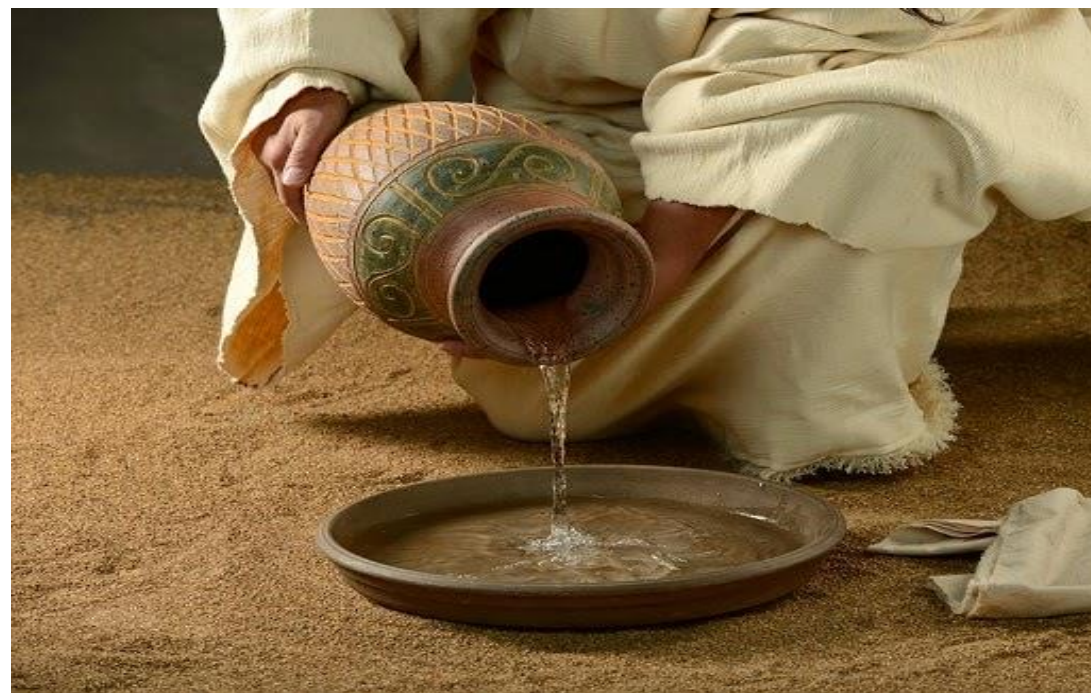


**United to Serve with
Love and Humility**

Matthew 18:1-14



the
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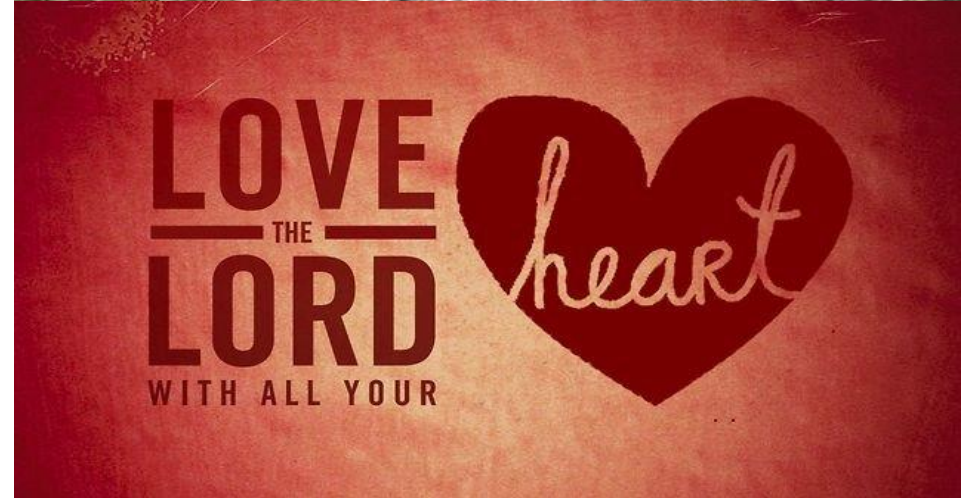
HLCE Theme 2025

Year of Service

***Come Follow Jesus
Love and Serve Him!***

Matthew 20:28

***Jesus came not to be
served but to serve***



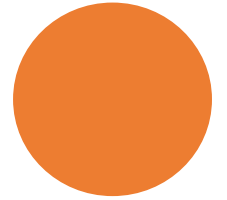
Matthew 17

**We are ALL
Called to Serve**

*We are saved, gifted to serve
to live the eternal life to glorify God.*

**Serve with the
Strength of God**

*Serve with Extra-Generous
Obedient to God. He Provides!*



How to Serve in Love and Unity?

Matthew 18 4th Teaching Discourse

Extra-ordinary Kingdom Relationships

- Humility (V1-9)
- Care for Each Other (10-14)
- Resolving Conflicts (15-20)
- Forgiveness (V21-35)

**SERVE
UNITED**



Matthew 18:1-14
***United to Serve with
Humility and Love***

Who is the Greatest?

Competitive spirits
hinder our service to God

**Serve with Humility,
Compassion, & Love**



Matthew 18:1-14

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, 'Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?'² He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them.³ And he said: 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.⁴ Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.⁵ And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.



6 'If anyone causes one of these little ones – those who believe in me – to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung round their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. 7 Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble! Such things must come, but woe to the person through whom they come!

8 If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. 9 And if your eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.



10 'See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.

12 'What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? 13 And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off.

14 In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.



Who is the greatest?



Competitive Spirit

**Wants to be the best
in the kingdom**

**Seeking position,
honour, and power**

You Must Change

² He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. ³ And he said: 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

**They must be
Transformed,**

***'Turn Around'
to become like little children***

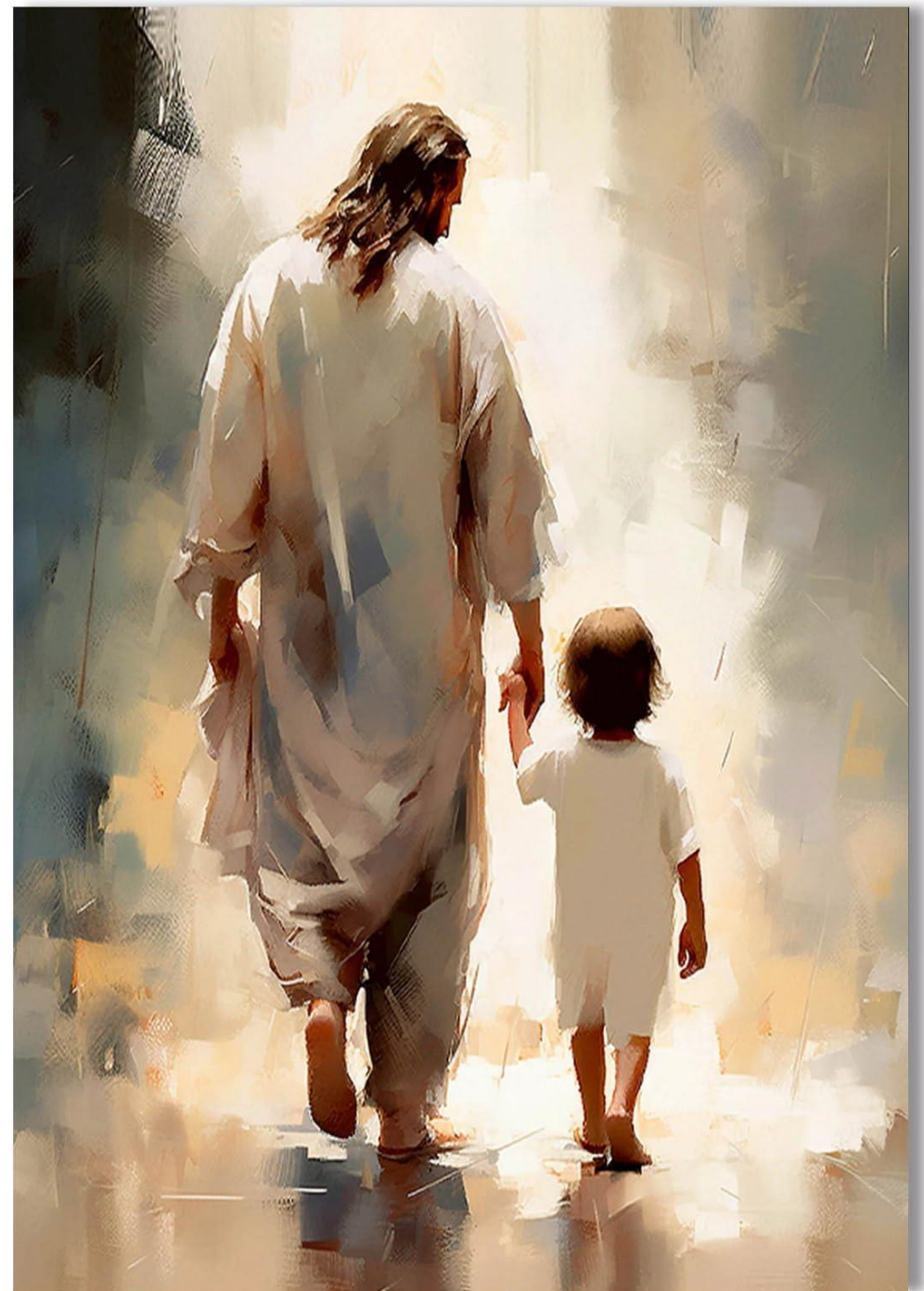


To be the Greatest in the Kingdom

⁴ Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Be Humble like a Little Child

- **Unself Consciousness**
- **Trusting**
- **Teachability**





**Welcoming the
Powerless & Worthless**

*And whoever welcomes one such
child in my name welcomes me.*

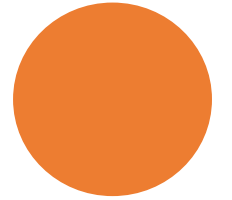
**Be Hospitable
and Charitable**

*To the vulnerable,
powerless, worthless*

Woe to those who do so!

*Three Metaphors and
Hyperboles with a Warning*

- **Drown with a large milestone on the neck**
- **Cut off your hands and feet that cause you to stumble**
- **Gouge out the eye that causes the stumble**

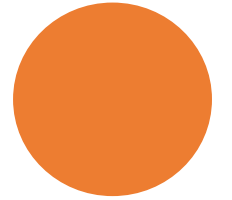


Love and Care for One Another

¹⁰ 'See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.

**Cares for others with
the heart of Jesus**

*God sends His angels to
keep an eye on us personally*

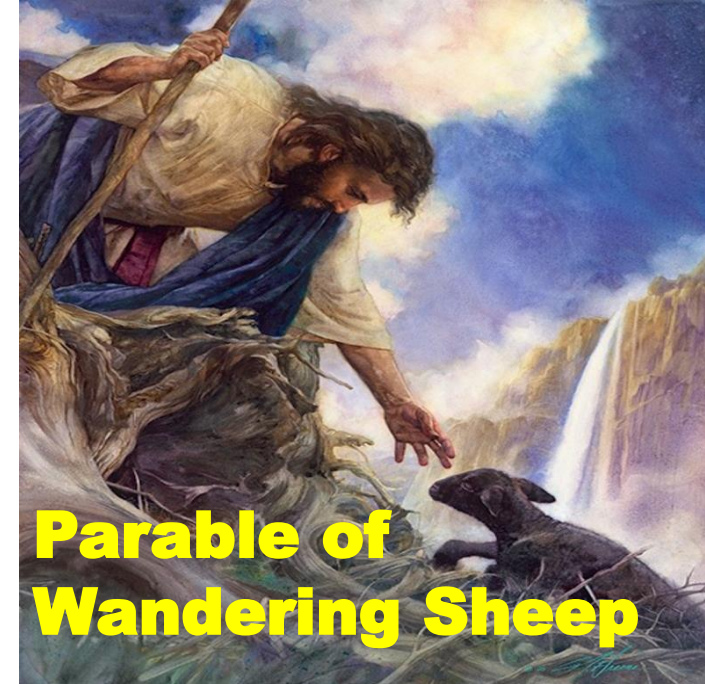


The Love of the Great Shepherd

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It is individual, patient, seeking, rejoicing, and protecting love.



Parable of Wandering Sheep



We are Precious to Him!

**Be United
to Serve with
Humility and Love**

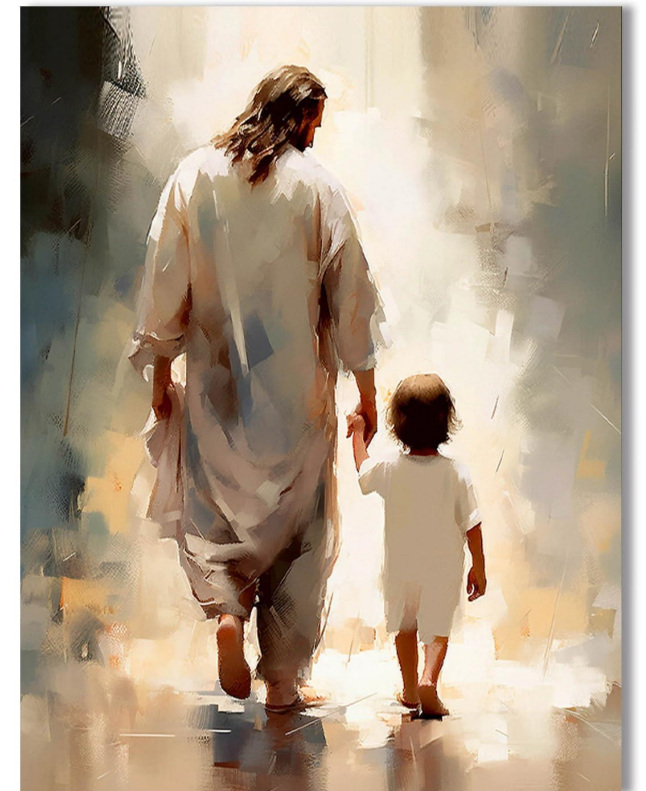
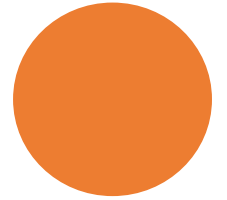
***Don't stumble
one another***

Strive for Humility

Be 'Unself' – Surrender to God

Be Trusting - Dependent on God

Be Teachable – Learn from God



Strive for Compassion

Don't Compete & Compare

Do our best not be the best

No Favouritism

Be Hospitable & Charitable

Romans 12:3

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.





**Imitate
the Great
Shepherd's Love**

*Personal, patient,
seeking, rejoicing,
and protecting love*

***Come Follow Jesus
Love and Serve Him!***

Have Faith in God, Be Dependent on Him



Be United to Serve Him with Love and Humility