

# DON'T JUST DO SOMETHING. STAND THERE!

## A lesson on servanthood from Isaiah 40:31

### Unit 1 Day 3

#### Introduction:

- Society 120 years ago
  1. \_\_\_\_\_% agriculture
  2. The pace of life was l\_\_\_\_\_
- Society today
  1. Most people work for someone else
  2. The pace of life is \_\_\_\_\_
    - a. Emphasis on fast s\_\_\_\_\_
    - b. Extra-curricular activities are abundant in the schools.
- This mentality carries over in the Christian life
  1. The emphasis tends to fall on d\_\_\_\_\_
  2. The thinking tends to be doing things f\_\_\_\_\_ the Lord
- Isaiah 40:31
  1. The emphasis of this verse is on w\_\_\_\_\_
  2. God is telling us “Don’t just do something. Stand there!”

#### The Example of a Servant – Jesus

- Matt 20:26-28 – Jesus whole purpose of coming to earth was to serve with the end result of giving His l\_\_\_\_\_ as our sin payment.
  1. The beginning of Jesus’ ministry (Matt 3:16,17)
    - a. What did Jesus do after it was revealed at His baptism that He was the Son of God? - \_\_\_\_\_
    - b. What does Is 40:31 promise to those who wait on the Lord? – they will renew their s\_\_\_\_\_
    - c. What did Jesus experience after waiting on the Father (see Lk 4:14)? - \_\_\_\_\_ ministered to Him and He returned in the p\_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit.
  2. The middle of Jesus’ ministry (Matt 14)
    - a. Jesus miraculously fed a crowd of thousands with only five l\_\_\_\_\_ and two \_\_\_\_\_
    - b. Afterwards He withdrew from the crowd to be a \_\_\_\_\_ with the Father (He needed to renew His strength, but waiting!)
  3. The end of Jesus’ ministry (Matt 26:36-46)
    - a. Jesus was struggling with His w\_\_\_\_\_ and e\_\_\_\_\_ as He was anticipating His death
    - b. Jesus p\_\_\_\_\_ fervently but with great p\_\_\_\_\_ (three one hour sessions)
    - c. After Jesus received the answer from the Father, His strength was renewed and He stated to His disciples, “Arise, let us be going. Behold, the one who b\_\_\_\_\_ Me is at hand.”
- Servanthood is not about doing f\_\_\_\_\_ but w\_\_\_\_\_ first.

#### The Model of a Servant

- Worldly model
  1. The master (employer, foreman, sergeant etc) gives a c\_\_\_\_\_; The servant does the w\_\_\_\_\_
  2. If applied to God and us – we servants would be doing the work f\_\_\_\_\_ God (or in place of God)
- Biblical model – God doing the work t\_\_\_\_\_ His Servants

1. Jn 15:5 – apart from Christ we can do n\_\_\_\_\_
2. Matt 28:20 – after issuing a command to make disciples, He promises that He would be w\_\_\_\_\_ them.
3. Gal 2:20 – teaches that the Christian life is not about living in place of Christ but Christ living \_\_\_\_\_ you.
4. 2 Tim 2:21 – we are v\_\_\_\_\_ to be used by the Master for every good work for which He has prepared us.

### **An Illustration of a Servant - Elijah**

- Isaiah 40:31 uses three metaphors that result from waiting on the Lord
  1. F\_\_\_\_\_
  2. R\_\_\_\_\_
  3. W\_\_\_\_\_
- Elijah Illustrates all three “paces” (I Kgs 18:1-39)
  1. Walking – as Elijah waited on the Lord, he was told to go to show himself to king A\_\_\_\_\_ (how long did this one instruction take?)
  2. Running – As the 850 prophets of Baal and Asherah gathered, so also the people of Israel gathered in this show down of who was really the one true God; the pace quickens (Elijah had to fulfill many instructions)
    - a. A\_\_\_\_\_ were built
    - b. S\_\_\_\_\_ were made
    - c. Elijah was giving God’s i\_\_\_\_\_
    - d. A\_\_\_\_\_ were made
    - e. Elijah builds an altar and d\_\_\_\_\_ it with water
  3. Flying (God doing a miracle)
    - a. Elijah p\_\_\_\_\_ as he was supposed to
    - b. God answered by consuming with fire the offering and the drenched altar.
    - c. The people of Israel responded by saying that the L\_\_\_\_\_ (Yahweh) is God.

### **Conclusion:**

- We tend to run ahead of God because He is always much more p\_\_\_\_\_ than we are. (we want results now!)
- God must set the pace
  1. First we must w\_\_\_\_\_
  2. Then we must respond according to His pace, for He is the one who is w\_\_\_\_\_ through us.
- What are some works that God has done in the life of this church in a way that only God can do?
  1. S\_\_\_\_\_
  2. M\_\_\_\_\_
  3. P\_\_\_\_\_