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**Top Gear**

**The Servants  
Heart**

## Recap

Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. **The Lord looked with favour on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favour.** So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. **Genesis 4:2-5**

# Recap

## Law of First Fruits

Honour the Lord with your wealth, with the **firstfruits** of all your crops; **Proverbs 3:9**

The Lord said to Moses, “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘When you enter the land I am going to give you and you reap its harvest, bring to the priest a sheaf of the **first grain** you harvest.’ **Leviticus 23:9-10**

# Recap

## Giving as a Spiritual Discipline (Abel's Offering)

**Our offering should be from the firstfruits  
of our life**

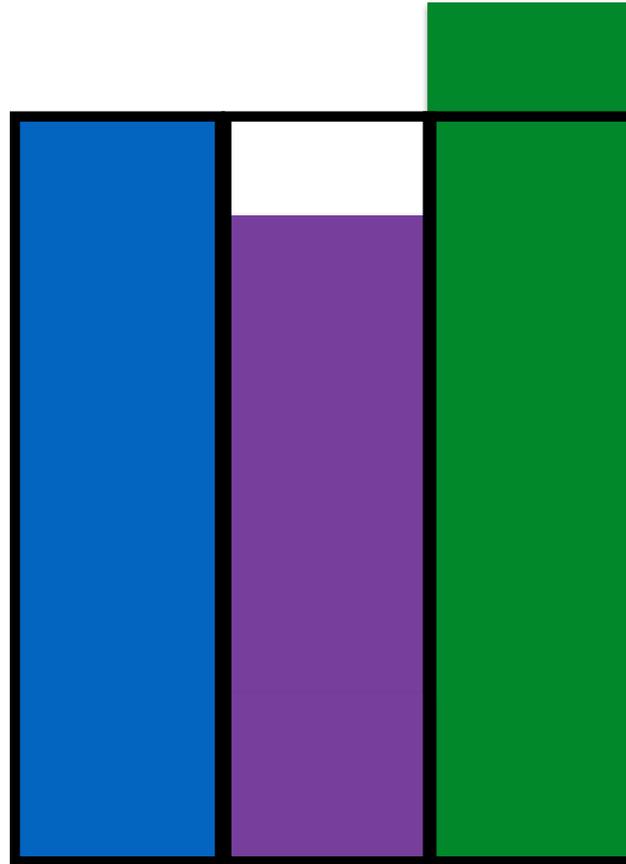
**We give of our possessions so as to not allow  
our possessions to control our hearts**

**Our offering is an act of faith**

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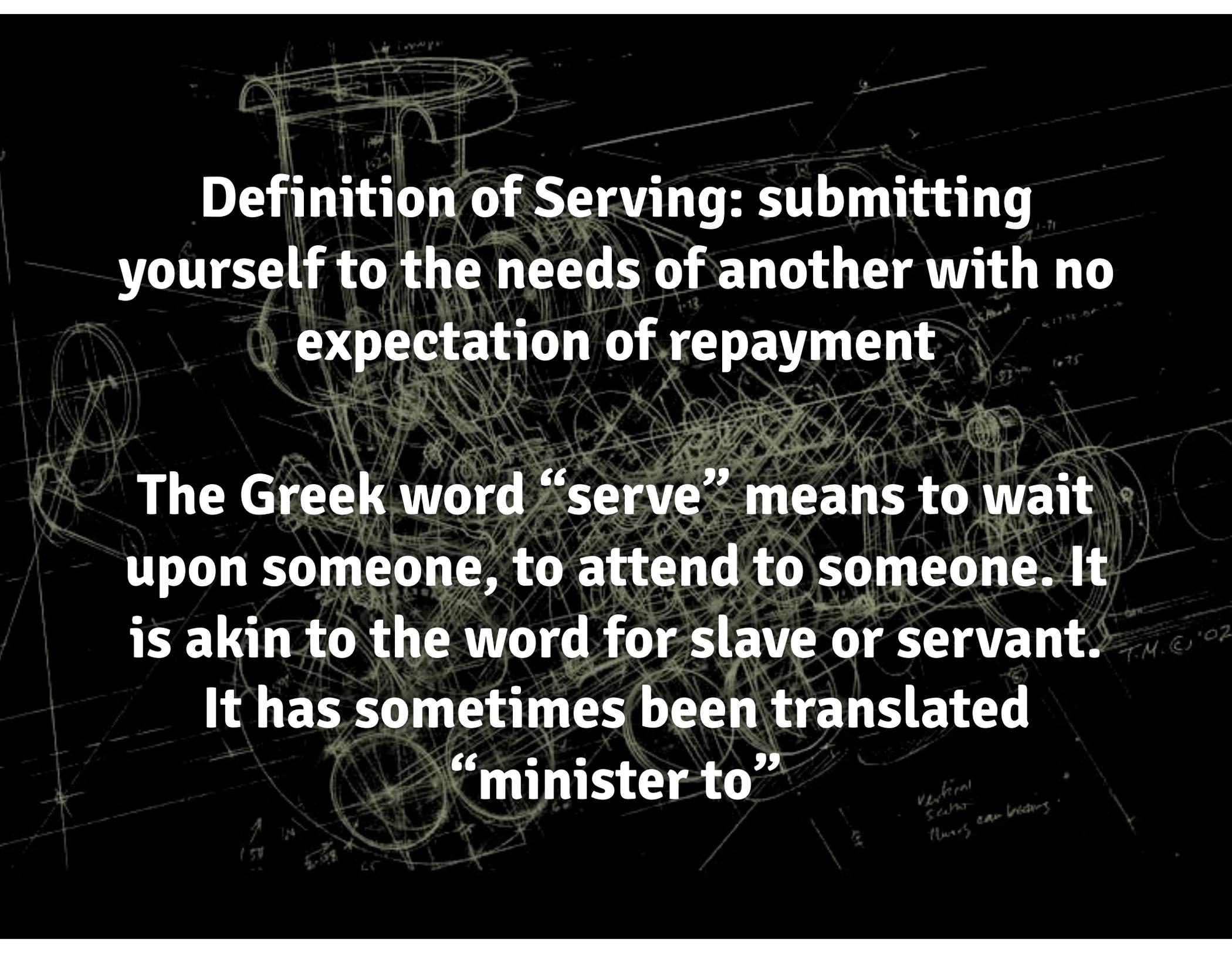
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**Talent**

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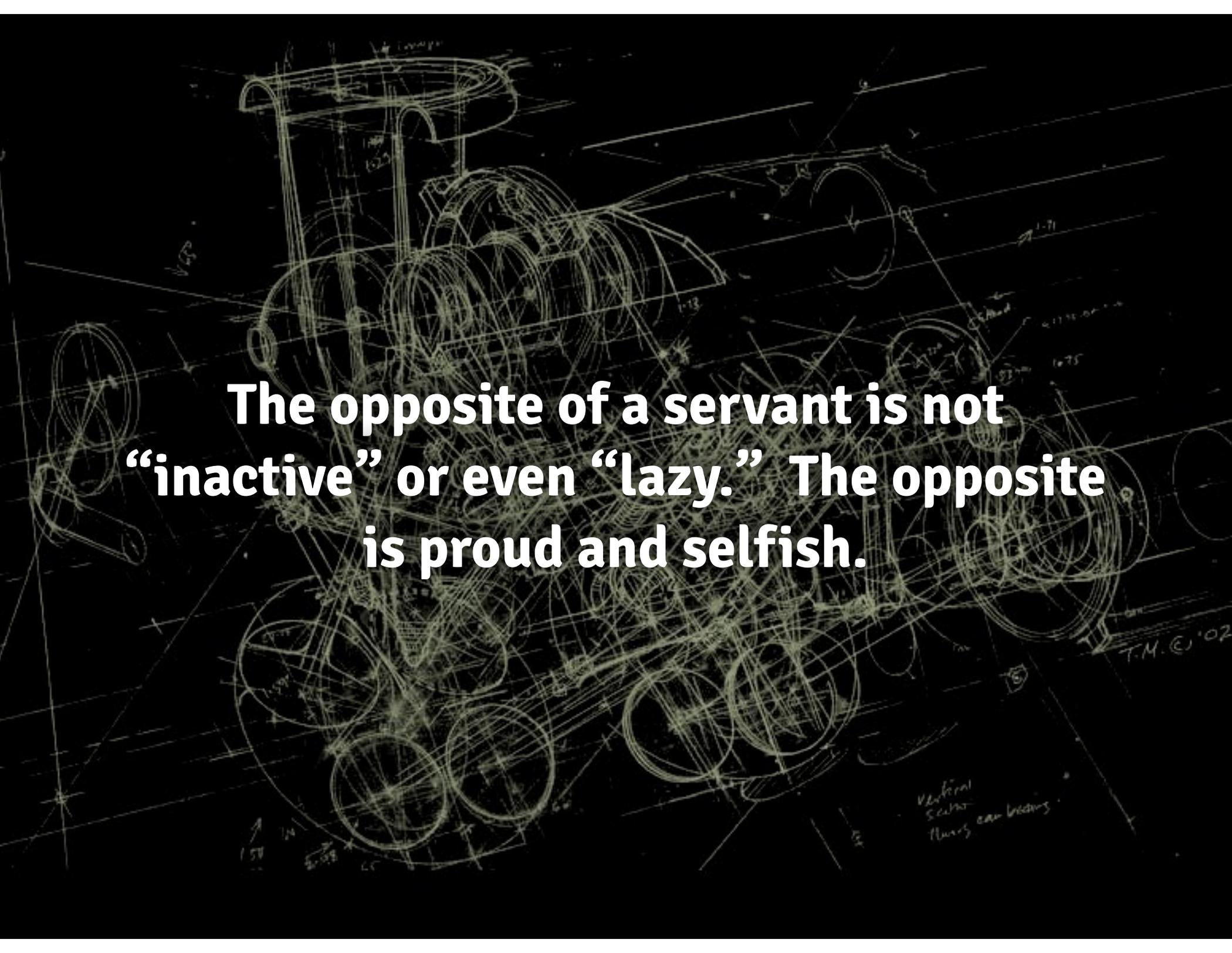


**Definition of Serving: submitting yourself to the needs of another with no expectation of repayment**

**The Greek word “serve” means to wait upon someone, to attend to someone. It is akin to the word for slave or servant. It has sometimes been translated “minister to”**

One way the gospel turns sinners into servants is by **humbling their pride**. The gospel shows us what Christ did for sinners and how blessed we are to be received into His kingdom and family. As a result of understanding this incomparable message and experiencing God through it, people willingly serve Him and His gospel. **So one of the clearest indications** that a person has believed the gospel of Jesus is that his selfish desire to be served begins to be overcome by a Christlike desire to serve.

**Donald Whitney**



**The opposite of a servant is not  
“inactive” or even “lazy.” The opposite  
is proud and selfish.**

# John 13

**It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. John 13:1**

# John 13

Jesus knew that the **Father had put all things under his power**, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. **vs 3-5**

# John 13

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” Jesus replied, “You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” “No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “**Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.**” vs 6-8

# John 13

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. **Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet.** vs 12-14

# John 13

**I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.** Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. **vs 15-17**

# Lessons for the Servant

**Jesus knew that the Father had put all things  
under his power**

**Serving comes from security in who and  
what we are**

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# Lessons for the Servant

**Unless I wash you, you have no part with me**

**The stance of a servant washes pride and selfishness from our hearts**

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# Lessons for the Servant

**Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.**

**Serving allows us access to the deepest truth of our Saviour**

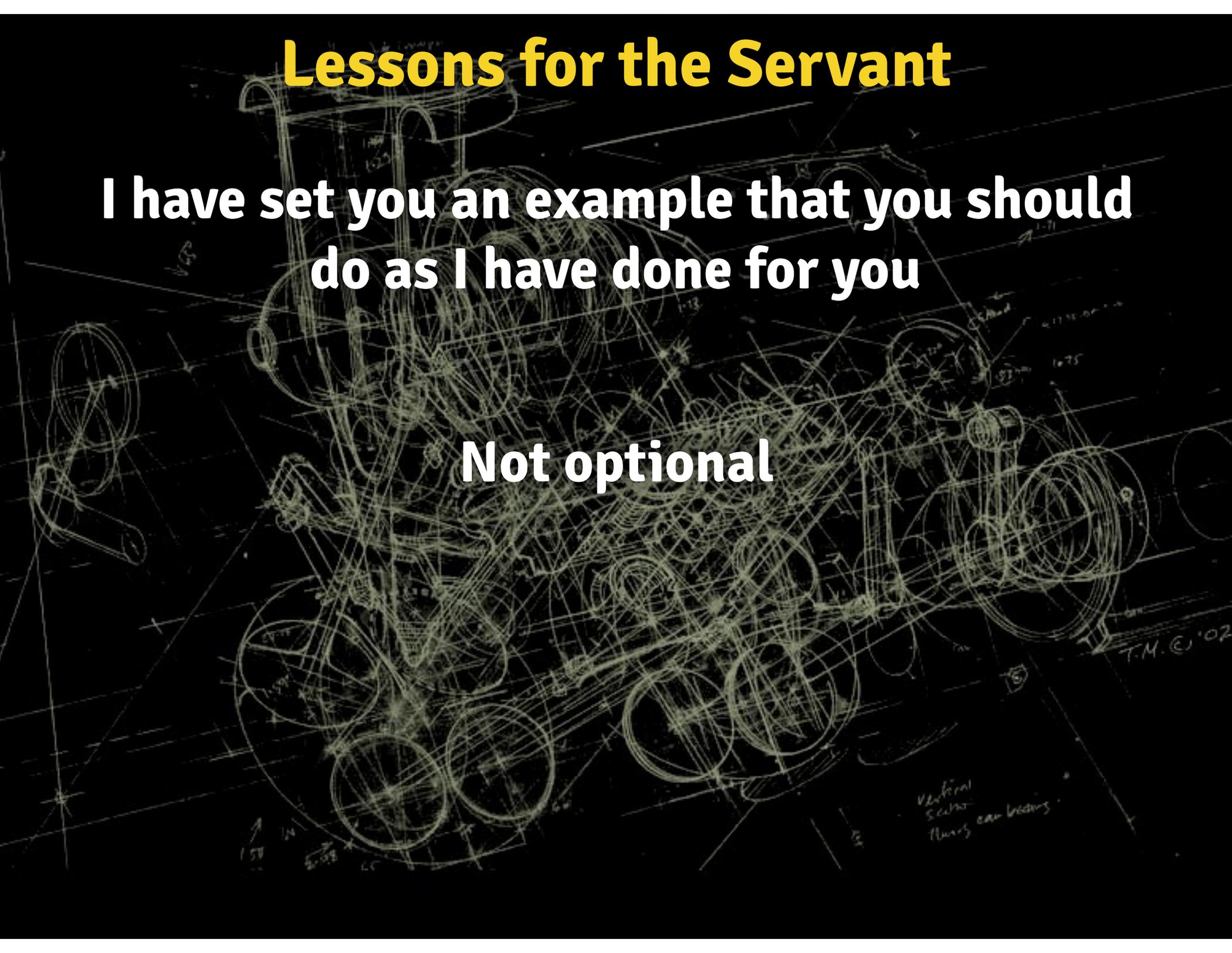
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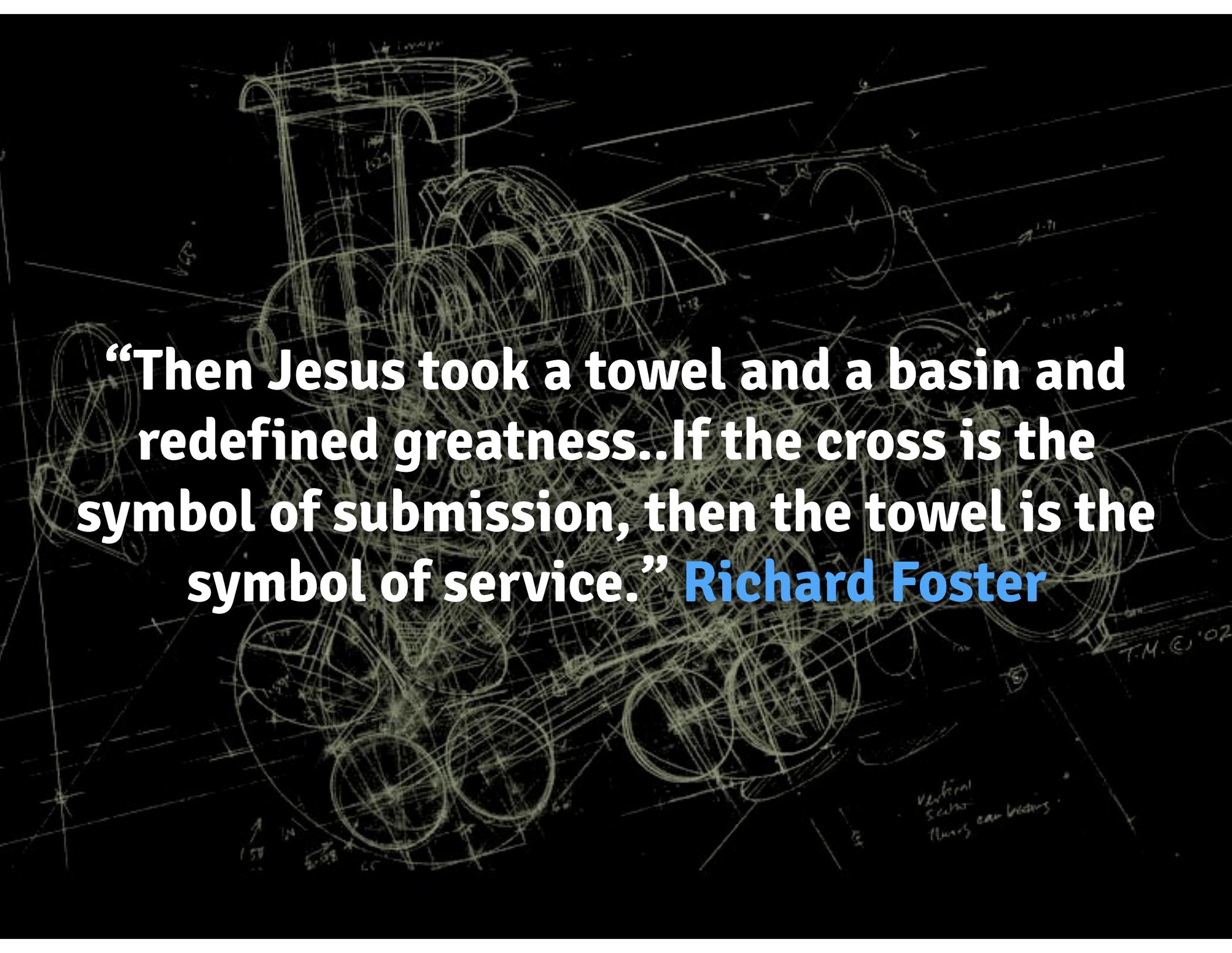
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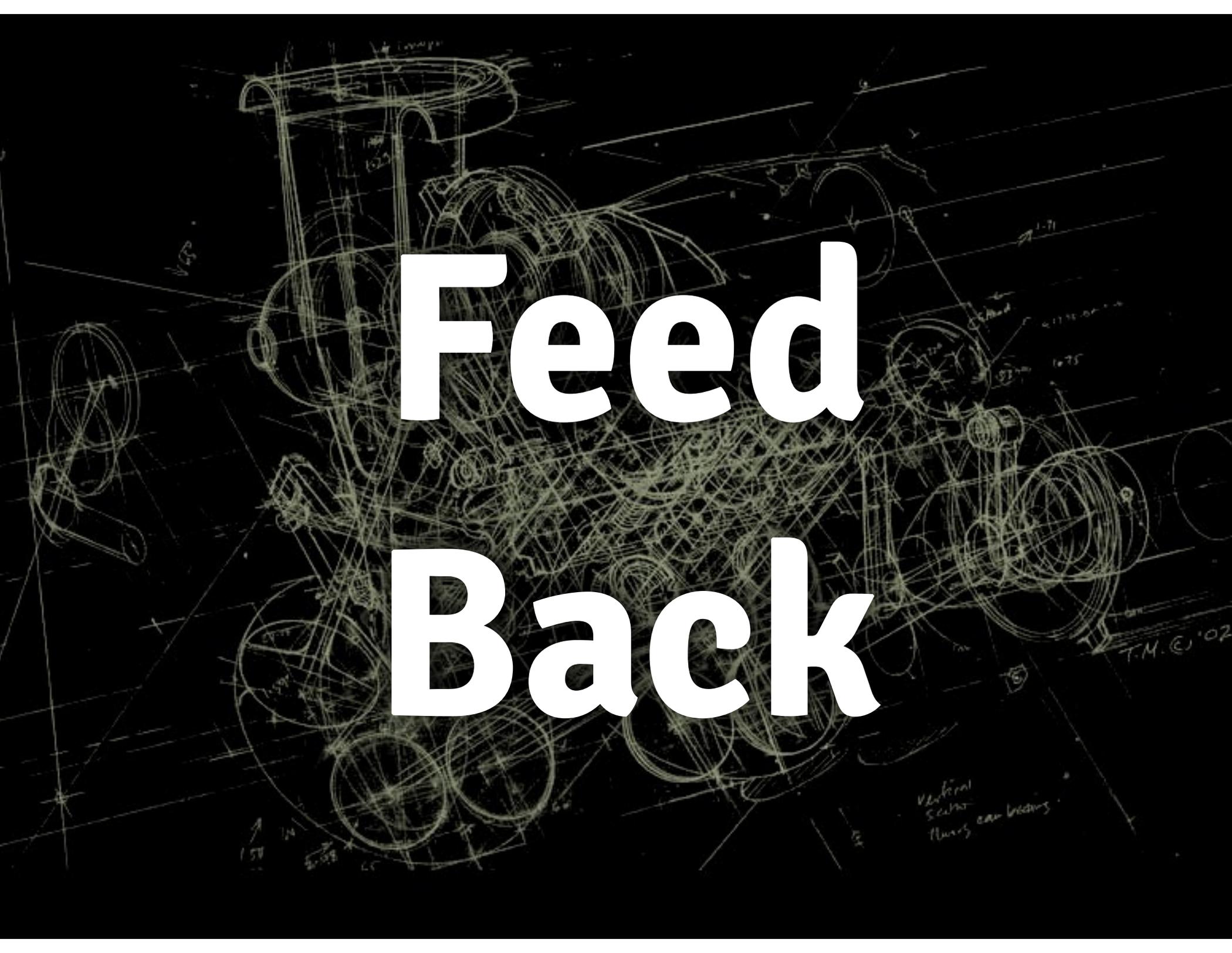
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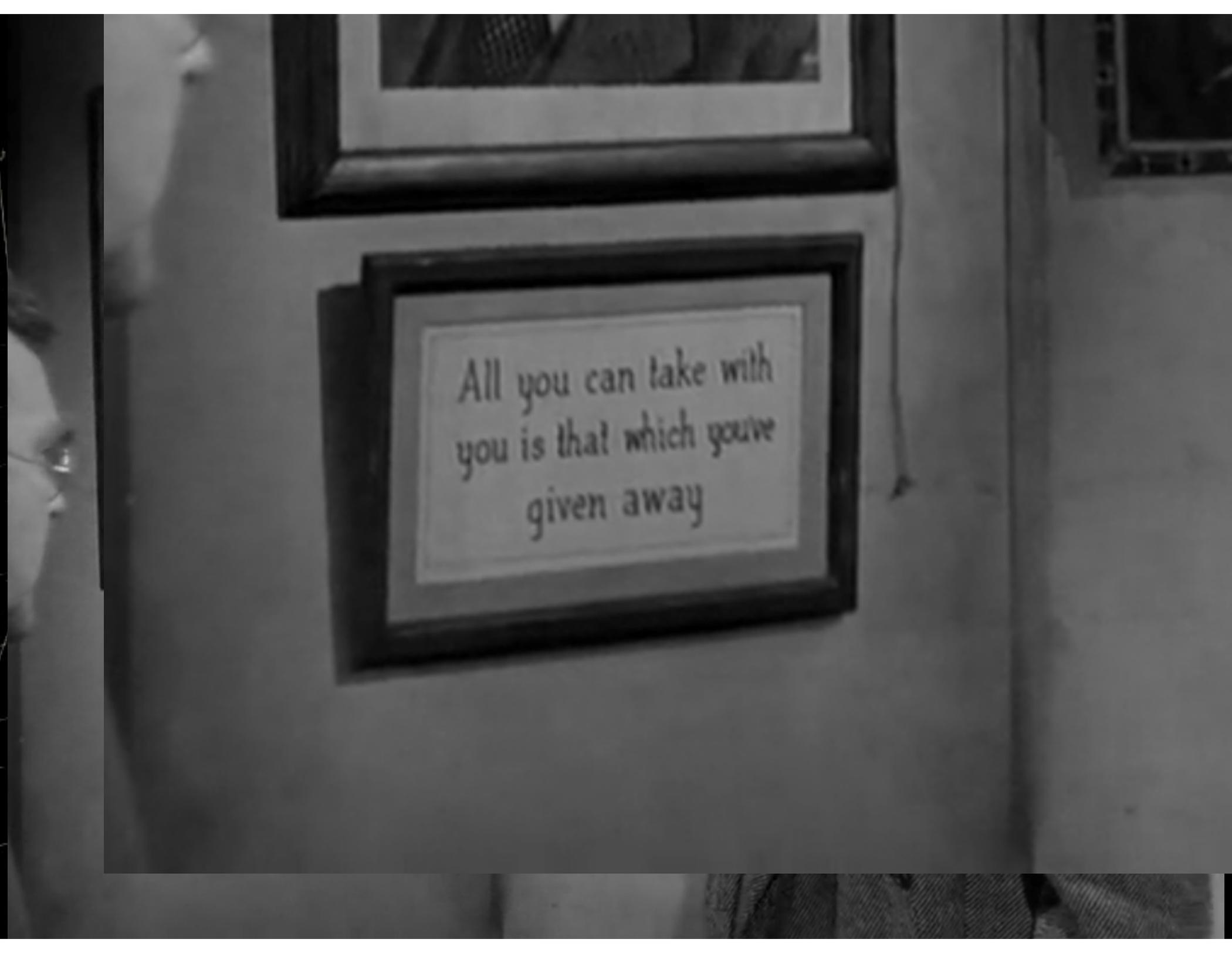
**“Then Jesus took a towel and a basin and redefined greatness..If the cross is the symbol of submission, then the towel is the symbol of service.” Richard Foster**



# Feed Back

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All you can take with  
you is that which you've  
given away

Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God  
something to be used to his own advantage;  
rather, he made himself nothing  
**by taking the very nature of a servant,**  
being made in human likeness.  
And being found in appearance as a man,  
**he humbled himself**  
by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!

**Philippians 2:6-8**