

## A HUMBLE SUPPLICATION

*“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.” (Hebrews 12:2–3)*

### B. A \_\_\_\_\_ Servant (v. 28)

*“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.” (Philippians 2:5–8)*

### C. A \_\_\_\_\_ Servant (v. 28b–32)

*“When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.” (John 11:4)*

*“These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: 2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.” (John 17:1–2)*

## PROVE CHRIST'S WORK

*“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” (2 Peter 3:9)*

## PRONOUNCE GOD'S JUDGEMENT

*“And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 Of sin, because they believe not on me; 10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; 11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.” (John 16:8–11)*

### D. An \_\_\_\_\_ Servant (v. 32)

*“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: 15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.” (John 3:14–15)*

## CONCLUSION

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# THE CALL TO SERVE

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**Text:** John 12:23–33

*“And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. 24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. 25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. 26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour. 27 Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. 28 Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. 29 The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him. 30 Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes. 31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. 32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. 33 This he said, signifying what death he should die.” (John 12:23–33)*

## INTRODUCTION

*“How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father’s business?” (Luke 2:49)*

**Quote:** “The introduction of the Greeks, was not incidental, for the discourse of Jesus prompted by their petition was important. It was a declaration of His purpose in coming to earth and His resolution to fulfill that purpose.”— **John Tenney**

## 1. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE SERVANT (v. 24)

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### A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Sacrifice (v. 24a)

*“For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps.” (1 Peter 2:21)*

### B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Sacrifice (v. 24b)

*“But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. 10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.” (Hebrews 2:9–10)*

**Quote:** “Christ had taught His disciples to avoid the Gentiles; but now He says that the Gentiles also will be saved through the cross. Christ is the grain of wheat that must die before there can be fruit and the world given the opportunity to be saved.”—**Warren Wiersbe**

## 2. THE \_\_\_\_\_ TO SERVANTS (v. 25–26)

### A. The Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 25)

GIVE UP MY LIFE FOR HIM

**Quote:** “Over the years, I’ve learned not simply to think less of myself but to think about myself less. When I’m thinking most about Jesus, not me, I’m most happy.”—**Randy Alcorn**

*“And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 35 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel’s, the same shall save it. 36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? 37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Mark 8:34–37)*

GAIN MY LIFE BY LOSING IT FOR HIM

**Quote:** “The same principle of self-sacrifice holds good for the believer, who follows Christ. His path is theirs, a path of suffering and shame.”

—**Arno Gaebelein**

*“And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. 24 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.” (Luke 9:23–24)*

**Quote:** “It means to be dead to the world, its glory and ambitions, to give up and sacrifice, constantly reaching out after the things which are above.”

### B. The Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_

FOLLOW CHRIST

*“For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.” (Galatians 1:10)*

*“Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; 2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.” (Ephesians 5:1–2)*

WALK WITH CHRIST

*“I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.” (John 15:5)*

**Quote:** “They must follow in His steps if they were His true servants and in so following they would find a cross, and not a crown...”—**Arno Gaebelein**

## 3. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE SAVIOR (v. 27–32)

**Quote:** “The only hope of a decreasing self is an increasing Christ.”—**F. B. Meyer**

*“He must increase, but I must decrease.” (John 3:30)*

### A. A \_\_\_\_\_ Servant

A TROUBLED SOUL

**Quote:** “Contemplation of this terrible ordeal fills Christ’s soul with nameless anguish.”—**John Hendriksen**