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Julys Conversation: How May I Serve You?

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John 21: 1- 19

John 21:13 reads, *“Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.”* Many Christians believe that service to God starts with figuring out what area of ministry one would do best in. However, the passages found in John 21 reminds us that our service to God starts inside of ourselves. Our conversation for this month is intended to show us that our mental capacity to serve God, begins with mental clarity about ourselves and our relationship with God. Beginning at verse 15, Jesus begins to successively ask Peter, “Do you love me?” He asked the question differently each time until Peter became frustrated. Jesus did not intend to frustrate Peter, but his intention was to let Peter know, that if you do not love me, then you will not be able to properly feed my sheep. Let us discuss this month, how our love for God can impact our service to God.

1. To serve God completely, requires **RELATIONSHIP** _____ with God.
John 21:5
“He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?” (NIV)

2. To serve God completely, requires **RELIANCE** _____ on God.
John 21:6
“He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish” (NIV)

3. To serve God completely, requires **RECOGNITION** _____ of God.
John 21:7
“Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water” (NIV)

4. To serve God completely, requires **RECEPTIVENESS** _____ towards God.
John 21:12, 13
“Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.” (NIV)

5. To serve God completely, requires **REGARD** _____ for God.
John 21:15
“When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.” (NIV)