



## Compelled to Serve

Luke 23:26

Most times as we study the topic of serving others, the spirit of volunteering, an attitude of wanting to, and a willingness to help others is what we find. We build upon those wonderful attitudes. But there are other times when one must serve. And, such is our study today.

### A. Simon of Cyrene carried the cross of Jesus

The synoptic Gospels all carry this story  
- Matthew: "Whom they pressed into service"

This was not something he asked to do or volunteered to do—but was "forced" to do.

- Sometimes duty \_\_\_\_\_ when we have other things to do (he was going one direction, Jesus was going the other direction)
  - He may not have \_\_\_\_\_ who Jesus was
  - People may have thought that he was \_\_\_\_\_ going to his own death
- His service gave a weary Jesus a little \_\_\_\_\_
- He \_\_\_\_\_ in the greatest story in history
- His service \_\_\_\_\_ his life (Mark 15:21; Rom 16:13)
- God \_\_\_\_\_ this story for us to know

### B. It is easy to lose the servant heart when one has to serve (Mt 21:28-31)

When the spirit of serving is missing, it is replaced with

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#### The Powerful Payback of Serving:

- You go to encourage someone and you get \_\_\_\_\_
- You go to teach someone and you \_\_\_\_\_
- You go to help someone and you are \_\_\_\_\_
- You go to comfort someone and you are \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ for having to do what one doesn't want to. The good that is done can be ruined by the improper spirit that one carries (1 Cor 13:1-3)

#### Areas God Expects Us To Serve:

- \_\_\_\_\_ (Mt 4:10)
- Take care of our \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Tim 5:4, 8, 16)
- Each other in the \_\_\_\_\_ (Gal 6:10; 1 Thes 5:11, 14; Rom 12:10,11)
- Help \_\_\_\_\_ (Lk 10:37)

Weariness can destroy the spirit of serving. How do we deal with a weary heart? (Gal 6:9; 2 Thes 3:13)

What's the best way to turn "Have to," into, "Want to"?

How do you think Simon of Cyrene felt once he learned what cross he carried?

