

The Greatness of Service

Matthew 20:20-28

The All-Too-Human Ambition (vv. 20–21)

“... to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.”

We want _____/Authority ...

We desire _____/Recognition ...

They assume that following Jesus leads to _____ rather than _____.

Kingdom greatness is not about being _____—it’s about being _____.

The High Cost of Authority and Power (vv. 22–23)

“You do not know what you are asking.”

The “cup” = _____.

Ultimately, they did drink the cup, just not how they imagined.

James becomes the first apostolic martyr (Acts 12:2).

John suffers long, exiled and alone (Rev 1:9).

In scripture, leadership always means _____ before _____; _____ before _____.

Examples:

Moses

David

Paul

Jesus

The Misunderstood Kingdom (vv. 21–23)

Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?”

They said to him, “We are able.”

Their theology is correct—Jesus will reign—but their assumptions are wrong.

They expect a kingdom of _____, but Jesus is ushering in a kingdom through _____.

Many want to be _____ by God but don’t want to be _____ by God.

Many desire kingdom _____ without kingdom _____.

The “Indignant” Disciples (vv. 24)

“... when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers.”

Their indignation isn’t _____. It’s _____.

This is a powerful warning for us—especially those in ministry, leadership, or positions of influence:

_____ often wears spiritual clothes.

Pagan vs. Christian Greatness (vv. 25–27)

“It shall not be so among you.”

The world’s view of “greatness” often includes:

But Jesus’s view requires:

“Whoever would be great among you must be your servant.” (v. 26)

Greatness in the kingdom looks like a _____ and a _____, not a _____ and a _____.

The Gospel of Suffering and Sacrifice (vv. 28)

“... the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Jesus is not just our example—He’s our _____.

His greatest act of service wasn’t foot-washing. It was _____.

He gave His life as a **ransom**—a payment to free us from sin and judgment.

My response today:

Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
July 27, 2025

Sunday, July 27

10am Worship

Scripture Reading & PrayerPaul Thompson
Philippians 2:1-11

2 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

God Is For Us

Forever Reign

His Mercy Is More

Responsive Reading & Prayer Dan Tankersley
Pew Bible Selection 52, pg 1069: Saved by Grace
Ephesians 2:1-10

Offering

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

MessagePaul Thompson
The Greatness of Service
Matthew 20:20-28

Deacon OrdinationPaul Thompson
Carson Tew & Daniel Thompson

All Glory Be To Christ

BenedictionSteven Wilson
Hebrews 13:20-21

20 Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, 21 equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

No 5PM Worship

Calvary Kids News

We are building our 2025-26 volunteer staff for ministry starting in August. Discover the amazing opportunities we have for you. Interested? Visit us in the Children’s Building to talk, email us at kids@calvarydothan.com, call or text us at 334-733-6326.

Preschool Life Group Teachers Needed by August 3!

We have three openings for Life Group teachers and would love for you to prayerfully consider joining us. If you're interested or have questions, contact Joyce Alexander at 334.798.4791 or Joyce@CalvaryDothan.com.

1st Friday Men's Breakfast

August 1 | 6am | ROC Lobby

Speaker: Paul Thompson

All men are invited to join together for breakfast and a time of fellowship. Donations will be accepted for breakfast.

Life Group Promotion Sunday

All preschool, children and student Life Groups will promote to their new class on Sunday, August 3.

A Night of Prayer for Students and Families

Sunday, August 3 | 5pm | Sanctuary

As a new school year approaches, we invite you to join us for a special *Night of Prayer* during the evening service. This will be a meaningful time of encouragement and spiritual preparation as we gather to lift up students, parents, and educators in prayer.

Summer Missions Recap

August 10 | 5pm | Sanctuary

Our Sunday evening service will feature reports from Guatemala, Oregon, and Kenya. Following the service join us for a pizza and dessert fellowship in the Fellowship Center

Walk Worthy Men's Conference

Saturday, August 16 | 8am-4pm

Calvary men are encouraged to attend this conference at 5 Bridges Church in Panama City, Florida. *Walk Worthy*, a one-day event designed to sharpen, strengthen, and develop men as godly leaders in their homes, workplaces, and communities. Featuring nationally recognized theologian and author Dr. Owen Strachan, you'll be challenged to walk worthy of the calling God has placed on your life (Colossians 1:10). Register now through August 7 and step into the life God has called you to: <https://www.5bridges.church/mensconf>.

Women's Coffee & Connect

Sunday, August 17 | 3pm | ROC Lobby

Panel Discussion: *Waiting on God - Living by the truth of God's character when my own story feels unclear*

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

My Decision Today:

☐ I trusted Jesus as Savior.

☐ I'd like to join Calvary Baptist Church.

☐ I believe God is calling me into ministry/mission.

☐ Please have a pastor or elder contact me.

If you would like to speak with someone about one of the items noted above, please visit the Next Steps Kiosk before you leave today.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

☐ Pastors & Prayer Team Only

☐ Churchwide

Connect Card
July 27, 2025

Please complete this tab, tear it off and drop it in an offering plate, or in the boxes by the exits.

- Please update my information
- Please contact me about membership

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First Time Guest
Attender
Member

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Address

City

State/Zip

Male
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Married
Single

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Cell Phone

Spouse

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Children:

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July Missions Spotlight

The Harbor (Local Missions Partner)

The Harbor's mission is to transform the heart of Dothan through the transforming love and power of Jesus. The Scriptures are their guide as they seek to serve all those in need, physically and spiritually. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work at The Harbor, visit theharbordothon.org or facebook.com/theharbordothon. Prayer needs for The Harbor can be found on prayer cards at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center or Sanctuary foyers.

Moses O. Odhiambo, Echoes of Mercy Mission (Global Missions Partner)

Echoes of Mercy exists to evangelize and disciple others through church planting and leadership, as well as through a number of mercy ministries, including widow care, education, and healthcare. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work of Echoes of Mercy, visit facebook.com/eomkenya or echoesofmercy.org. If you would like to know how to pray for Echoes of Mercy, pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center or Sanctuary foyers.

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THE PEOPLE CAME...

July 20
Life Group: 486
10:00 Worship: 577
Hispanic Church: 109
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund
Given July 20: \$58,631.47
Given Y-T-D Surplus (Deficit): (\$143,596.34) as of 06/30/25

BIBLE READING PLAN

July 27-August 2
Ps 59-61, Acts 28:11-31
Ps 62-64, Rom 1
Ps 65-67, Rom 2
Ps 68-69, Rom 3
Ps 70-72, Rom 4
Ps 73-74, Rom 5

Sunday Schedule

8:30am Life Groups & Open Classes
10:00am Worship, Sanctuary
5:00pm Family Worship, Sanctuary
Childcare for Babies-K3

I'm New Here

We're so glad you've joined us for worship today and would love to be able to share more with you about our church.



To fill out a digital Connect Card or learn more about Calvary, please use your smartphone camera to scan the QR Code or you can fill out the Connect Card in this bulletin and place it in the offering plate. Also, be sure to stop by our Next Steps table in the foyer after the service for a gift from us!

How to Become a Christian

Want more information about how to become a Christian? Go to calvarydothan.com/how-to-become-a-christian/.

If you would like to view a pdf of today's AM sermon notes, go to calvarydothan.com/messages.

Ministry Staff

Paul Thompson..... Senior Pastor
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Dan Tankersley..... Discipleship Pastor
Steven Wilson..... Interim Worship
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STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, July 27:
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SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 3

10am
Hosanna To the King!
Matthew 20:29-34, 21:1-11
Message by Paul Thompson

5pm
Night of Prayer for Families and Students
Message by Reagan Farris

Wednesday Schedule

6:00pm Open Classes & D-Groups
Birth-K5, Preschool Bldg
Grades 1-5, Chapel
Grades 6-12, Student Room

3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.
4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

- Philippians 2:3-4



WELCOME TO
Calvary
BAPTIST CHURCH