

**RE:FOCUSED****Serve - Are you an Under-Rower for Christ?****THE CALL TO SERVE**

- 1 Corinthians 4:1 - "This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ..."
- Most common Greek word for servant: "doulos" (also slave)
- Here an unusual word: "huperetes" - Military term, an under-rower on a warship

**FIVE ASPECTS OF AN UNDER-ROWER'S SERVICE**

1. An under-rower had to row to the captain's beat
2. The under-rowers had to row together
3. An under-rower had to trust the captain
4. An under-rower was committed for life
5. An under-rower received no honor

**Jesus the ultimate under-rower: Mark 10:45** - *"For the son of man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

**The call of Isaiah: 6:8** - *And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."*

**D. L. Moody:** I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And what I can do, I should do and what I should do, by the grace of God, I will do.

# **GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY**

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## **1 Corinthians 4:1-4**

This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. <sup>2</sup> Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. <sup>3</sup> But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. <sup>4</sup> For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me.

## **Mark 10:35-45**

<sup>35</sup> And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." <sup>36</sup> And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup> And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup> Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" <sup>39</sup> And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." <sup>41</sup> And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. <sup>42</sup> And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup> But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."