



“Through Love,
serve one another.”

Gal 5:13

**Statistics say people
who serve are happier people.**

**“It is in your best interest to look
out for the interest of others!”**

Max Lucado

The Great Crowd of Witnesses

Abel – offered a better sacrifice **by faith** and was commended as righteous

Enoch – **by faith** he pleased God, so he never experienced death

Noah – **by faith** he obeyed God's command and turned his back on a world of evil

Abraham – obeyed God and went where God told him to go, without knowing where this would be. He made his home in the Promised Land even though he was a stranger there. From him came "descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky".

Isaac – Abraham's promised child, who **by faith** blessed Jacob and Esau

Jacob – who **by faith** blessed Joseph's sons.

Joseph – who **by faith**...goes from **Pit to a Palace**
to a pinnacle of success

Moses' parents – who **by faith** hid Moses in order
to save his life.

Moses – who, though adopted by Pharaoh's daughter,
by faith refused to be known as her son, and “chose
to be mistreated along with the people of God”.
By faith he kept the first Passover.

The People of Israel – who **by faith** passed through the Red Sea.
Rahab – who **by faith** welcomed God's spies,
saving her family from the fall of Jericho





**“Our Crowd of Witnesses or
Our Cast of Characters”**



Walter Huston

“The Treasure of the Sierra Madre”



Hattie McDaniel

“Gone with the Wind”



The Andrew Profile

- Andrew was a disciple of Christ.
- He was from the city of Bethsaida near the region of the Sea of Galilee. (John 1:44)
- He and his brother Peter were fisherman.
- He introduced his brother Peter to Jesus. (John 1:41-42)
- He was a disciple of John the Baptist before becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ. (John 1:35-40)

- He was involved in the feeding of a multitude by calling Jesus attention to the boy who had the loaves and fish.
(John 6:5-9)
- Andrew (along with Philip) introduced some Greeks to Jesus.
(John 12:20-22)
- Andrew inquired of Jesus regarding the destruction of the temple.
(Mark 13:3-4)
- He was among the disciples who gathered in the upper room after they had receive the power of the Holy Spirit.
(Acts 1:13)



The **Quiet Servants** seek to do what is right. They show up. Open doors. Cook dinners. Visit the sick. You seldom see them in front of an audience. Typically that is the last place they want to be. They don't stand behind the pulpit; they make sure the pulpit is there. They don't wear a microphone but make certain it's turned on. They embody this verse: ***"For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."***

Gal 5:13

Mary was extraordinary ordinary.

**“I am the servant of the Lord.
Let this happen to me as you say!”**

Luke 1:38

**Funny when God wanted to bring the Savior of
the world into the world who does he look for?**

A Servant!

A word of Caution:

SIN

“Sin is the word the Bible uses to describe the arrogant streak that causes self-elevation. Sin engenders a sense of entitlement.”

Serving yourself or Serving God?

“Woe to you, **Harold**, hypocrite! For you are like a white washed tomb, **or a man standing in a suit**, which on the outside look beautiful, but inside they are full of the bones of the dead and all kinds of filth.”

Matthew 23:27

“It’s hard to serve others when you come to serve yourself.”

Harold

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

Jesus

**Just a thought... If you multiply every hypocritical, self-elevating moment by 7 billion people and then you multiply that 5 or 6 times a day...one would have to consider,
“No wonder the world is such a mess.”**

So he got up from the supper table, set aside his robe, and put on an apron. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the feet of the disciples, drying them with his apron.

John 13: 4

Jesus tells Peter, “Come and eat breakfast.”

John 21:12

“Lucky the servants whom the master finds on watch! He’ll put on an apron, sit them at the table, and serve them a meal...”

Luke 12:37

**Aprons, Saints,
earthly and heavenly banquets
seem to all roll together
with Jesus.**