

WELLS REOPENED

PART 5



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ARISE, SHINE
YOUR LIGHT HAS COME

Foundation:

Old Testament | Wells were important | Life-giving | Fruitful and civilization around it

The Patriarchs dug it and named it | Fights were fought around it

Our well in the New Testament:

John 4:14 “But whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never get thirsty again—ever! In fact, **the water I will give him will become a well of water springing up within him** for eternal life.”



God is opening and unblocking wells

1. Drink of Jesus' waters
2. Not sin against the Holy Spirit
3. Praise and thanksgiving
4. No pride
5. Holiness
6. The tongue
7. The great unblocking and opening by Jesus' death



A close-up, slow-motion photograph of water splashing over a dark, textured rock. The water is captured in mid-air, creating a dynamic and energetic scene. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue and white, suggesting a bright, open environment. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is centered over the image, containing the text "Act of grace" in a clean, white, sans-serif font.

Act of grace

What do you
HEAR
FEEL
when the church asks something from you?

When is it God and when is it people asking from you?



How does a baby stay alive?



The well that doesn't run dry

The source of Jesus's willingness was found in his unity with the Father. Everything Jesus did, he saw the Father do.

Jesus said to Phillip after Phillip said to Him: "show us the Father"

John 10:10,11 it is the Father dwelling in Me, performing His works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me

John 10:30 I and the Father are one

Colossians 1:15 The Son is the image of the invisible God



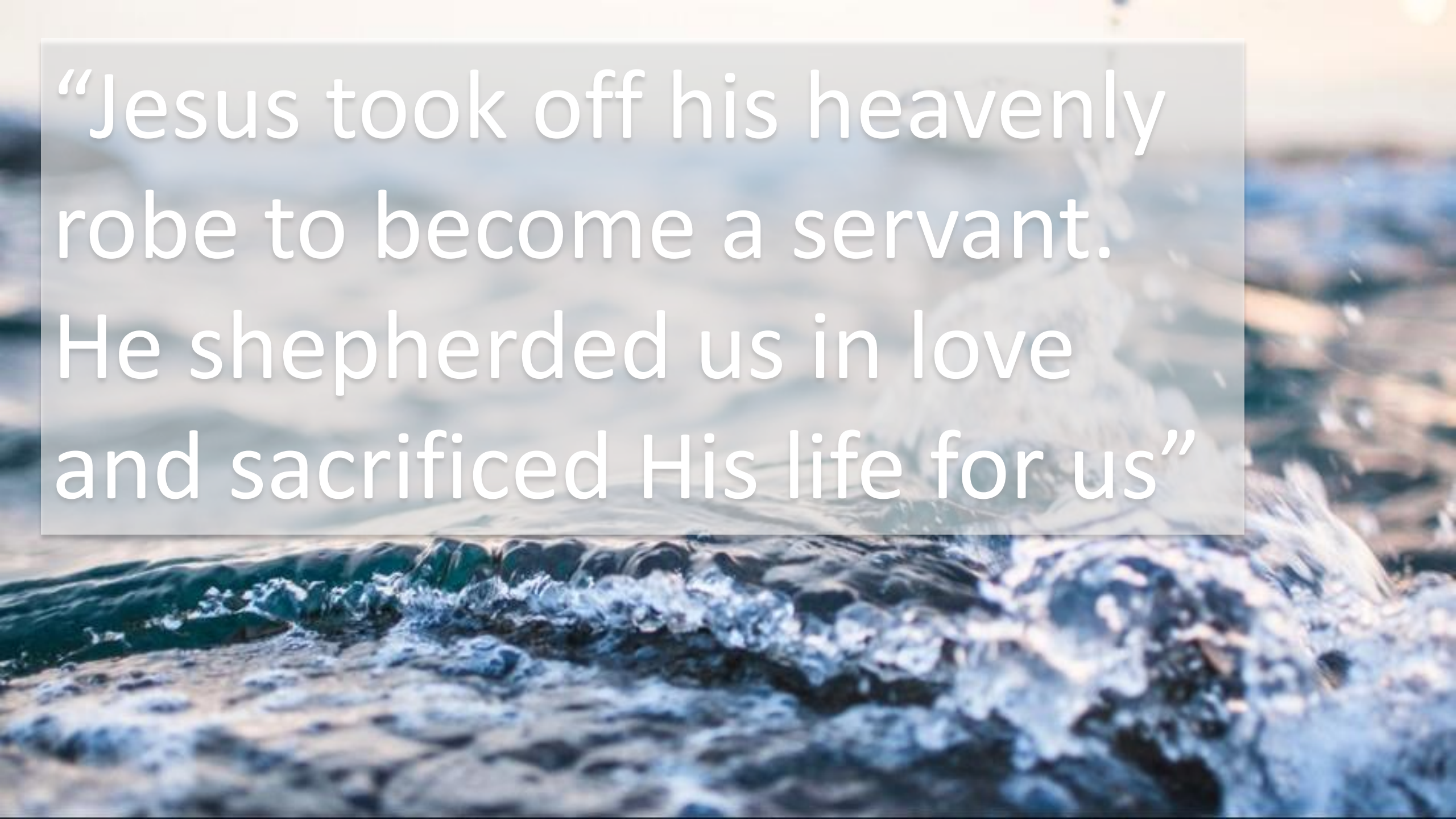
Jesus displayed that willingness in the following way – acts of grace

Phil 2:6-7 being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness

John 10:14 I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me

Isaiah 53:5 He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds, we are healed.





“Jesus took off his heavenly robe to become a servant. He shepherded us in love and sacrificed His life for us”

Jesus was building his fathers kingdom... whose kingdom are we building

Rom 8:29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers

God's plan is for us to become like Jesus.

What does the image of Jesus look like?

What are we meant to become?



Are we meant to give?



How are we meant to give?

2 Cor 8:12a If the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable

Willingness(**prothymia**) refers to a predisposition or readiness to generosity. This word speaks to inner intention or eagerness of the heart - the state of mind where the individual is already inclined to give, even before an opportunity presents itself

Jesus' willingness to lay down His life was a pre-determined choice (**John 10:17-18**), a **prothymia** - He was always willing to do the Father's will. Nobody takes his life, but he willingly lays it down.



How is a willing gift received?

Acceptable (**euprosdektos**) is concerned with how the offering is received by God, in what spirit was the gift given. The gift is well-received or acceptable to God when it is given in a spirit of faith, love, and sacrifice. This shows that even a small gift, when given from the right heart, is highly valued by God

The story of the widow's offering (**Mark 12:41–44**) illustrates this principle. The widow gave two mites - an insignificant amount in human terms, but Jesus said she gave more than all the others because she gave out of her poverty, offering all she had to live on. Her gift was small, but in God's eyes, it was highly acceptable because it was given from a heart of sacrifice and willingness.



If it's there...

What if it's not there? What do I do?

2 Cor 8:1-5 We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints - and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us



That it, that predisposition, is the “grace of God”. **Not your job!**
(**Charis**) refers to the divine empowerment that moves believers to act beyond their natural capacity.

They gave themselves first to the Lord – unity with God and then moved to do

Luke 23:46 “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”

Jesus gives Himself fully to the Father, laying down His life with complete trust.

This statement is another way of saying, **“I give myself to you. I’m dying. If I am to live again, it will be because you possess me, hold me, keep me, preserve me. I give myself to you for that care.”**



Should I give Him all?

Psalm 34:10 The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.”

You might say I'm seeking the Lord yet I'm still sick, unemployed, childless, or single. How is that lacking no good thing?

What is the greatest good?

Ps 16:2 You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.

Phil 3:8 I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord



He is our greatest good

What makes something good is whether it brings us more of God.

So being healed of a sickness can be good because it can bring us more of God by showing us his power, mercy, and goodness.

But not being healed can also be good since it, too, can bring us more of God by drawing us even closer to him.



LET'S PRAY



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