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### Serving Your Enemies

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### Serving as a Leader

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Serving others requires **using** what God has given you, **remembering** where you came from and where you are going, and **finishing** your mission.

### An Example and Pattern of Serving Love:

\_\_\_\_\_ (John 13:4) Jesus took decisive action  
 \_\_\_\_\_ – He willingly gave up His rights  
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\_\_\_\_\_ – A Humble service of love (John 13:5)  
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