

Leaders Within Christ's Kingdom

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someone who is possessed by a stronger person. It is a demeaning position according to worldly standards. In Christ, the word still means to be possessed by the stronger, however, the strong in this instance is the Lord. Through Christ, the servant becomes "the greatest".

Old Testament - Isaiah 44:1-2

It is magnificent to be named a "servant" by God. God's servants are always special to Him. God's commitment to His servants is never shaken, even though they sometimes fail.

Isaiah 42: 1-2 - These verses give a beautiful picture of a servant. It highlights his relationship to God and his attitude as he goes about his ministry. Jesus: He is special delight to God the Father. He is gifted with the Spirit, adopts a gentle, quiet lifestyle, and works for the birth of justice. Although He is opposed, He remains faithful to a certain image and He succeeds as God's servant, according to His calling. God gives a promise to Christ the Servant and to all servants of the Lord: Issaiah 42:6.

Servanthood is tough at its best and it is certainly not an attractive way of life. The cost is high. Isaiah 42:1; 49:1 the servant was chosen by the Lord, 42:1 endued with the Spirit, 50:4 taught by the Lord, 49:2,5 found his strength in the Lord, 53:10 God's will that he suffers 52:14; 53:1-3, 7-9 weak,

unimpressive, scorned by men 42:2 meek, 42:3 gentle, 50:6; 53:7 uncomplaining, 53:9 despite his innocence, 50:6; 53:3, 8-10 he was subjected to constant suffering, 49:4 reduced to near despair, 49:4; 50:7-9 but his trust was in the Lord, 50:4-5 he obeyed him, 50:7 and persevered, 42:4; 50:8-9 until he was victorious.

With all the stress that goes into being a servant, it is still the highest and most special calling that any man can receive because it involves a covenant relationship with God. It involves a willing commitment by the servant to a master who fully commits himself to the servant as well. Notice Exodus 21: 5-6.

The parallel is Christianity: As we see ourselves empty, lonely, and without the resources for both now and the future. We come to love and adore Him. At this point in our lives we are faced with a choice: continue to serve or to leave. Can we trust our own selves or do we need this Master who we have learned to love? If we are believing members of Christ's body, there really is only one choice - make a commitment to serve God for life!

This is the true nature of our covenant relationship with God, when we are His leaders. He calls us and shapes us to be His leaders in the body of His Son. He committed Himself to be with us always. Then we commit ourselves to serve Him according to His divine wisdom. We do as He says and we serve wherever He chooses to place us.

All leaders, like Christ, have been selected to live and to give themselves for God's people.



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Hormel Introduces New Spam Luncheon Meat Recipes for Contemporary Tastes

Geo. A. Hormel & Company has recently cooked up several new recipes for SPAM luncheon meat lovers with contemporary tastes. The new recipes were developed in the Hormel kitchens to emphasize nutrition as well as easy preparation for those with busy lifestyles. The recipes use Low Salt/Sodium SPAM luncheon meat which Hormel introduced in 1986 to offer an alternative for the many people who have reduced salt in their diets or prefer a less salty taste.

"Today's families are demanding recipes that meet modern standards for good health. Many want to maintain low salt, low calorie diets but they don't want to give up taste. The new SPAM luncheon meat recipes combine Low Salt/Sodium SPAM luncheon meat with flavorful spices and fresh ingredients - and they take less than 20 minutes to prepare," said V. Allan Krejci, director of public relations.

The easy Fiesta Salad recipe with SPAM luncheon meat is a perfect example of the product's adaptability to modern tastes and lifestyles. The hot, spicy salad is made by sauteing marinated Low Salt/Sodium SPAM luncheon meat with onion and green pepper and serving the mixture over a bed of lettuce garnished with tomato halves. The dish is only 277 calories a serving.

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