SERVANTHOOD – FROM HEART AND MIND

[Doug Shake]

First, we have to start with God's position and Your position.

2Cor 4:5 For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your **servants** for Jesus' sake.

2Cor 4:6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2Cor 4:7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

I could finish right here. Almost all the items of the presentation in this first group of verses:

And who is this God?

1Ch 29:10,11,12 & 13 Therefore David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly; and David said: "Blessed art thou, O LORD,,,

And what is said about Jesus? Mar 10:45

What did Jesus teach?

Luk 22: 25 - 26

How Jesus acted and taught:

Joh 13:14

Phip 2:5 - 8

And who are you?

1Co 12:28

Are	you	OK	with	being	number 6	of	8?	
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Rom 9:21 Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use?

2Cor 4:7 Are you OK with being a jar of clay?

The Apostle Paul says of himself.

Gal 6:14

Php 3:8 - 11.

1Co 1:26

I have NOT been talking about being a Servant-Leader although that is a good kind of Leader.

Donahue is praised, promoted to general

Will lead 4th Infantry Division's training in Germany with allied forces

BY TOM ROEDER

The Pikes Peak region's newest general earned his stars planning the shadowy ground war effort to roll back the Islamic State in Syria and Iraq.

Brig. Gen. Christopher Donahue pinned on his stars last week at a Fort Carson ceremony. Before coming to Colorado Springs to become deputy commander of the post's 4th Infantry Division, Donahue was the operations director for U.S. Joint Special Operations Command, which oversees the work of Army Green Berets and Navy SEALs.

"He was the creative designer of almost every success we had in the first two years of the war against (the Islamic State)," said Gen. Raymond Thomas, boss of U.S. Special Operations Command, which includes Donahue's old unit.

Thomas came to Colorado Springs for the ceremony and helped pin on Donahue's stars.

"It is a great celebration of the success of an officer," Thomas said.

A 1992 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy in New York, Donahue began his career as an infantry officer and quickly became a leader in the 75th Ranger Regiment.

After an assignment at the Pentagon, Donahue spent years working for the Army Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, N.C., where his assignments included leading one of the command's brigades.

Little was said at the ceremony about Donahue's special opera-



Col. Christopher Donahue, 4th Infantry Division deputy commander, was promoted to brigadier general Monday.

tions work, not surprising for a command where most missions are highly classified.

Donahue, a father of five, did talk about how much of his success is due to a supportive family. He also talked about how happy he is in the Colorado Springs job.

"Thank you for letting me be part of your ranks," he said.

The new general has a big job ahead. This winter, he'll take over the division's training element in Germany, where he'll help lead a series of training exercises involving U.S. and allied forces.

It's similar to a lot of the work carried out by special operations

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troops who specialize in training foreign militaries to fight alongside Americans.

"The difference is you don't hear about it," Donahue said after the ceremony. "This is about telling the story."

Fort Carson's commitment to European missions is ramping up, with the post's 3rd Brigade Combat Team leaving in January for a nine-month deployment that will see its troops serving in nations from Estonia to Bulgaria.

Donahue praised the work of Fort Carson leaders for getting 3rd Brigade ready for overseas service, calling the effort "awesome."

He also said he doesn't want his troops to sugarcoat things when they talk to their new gen-

"Hold me accountable, and each time you see me, let me know how I'm doing," Donahue told the troops assembled to land his promotion.

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Seven Chosen to Serve

- Act 6:1 Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.
- Act 6:2 And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables.
- Act 6:3 Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty.
- Act 6:4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."
- Act 6:5 And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch.

Stephen Is Seized

- Act 6:8 And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people.
- Act 6:9 Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen.
- Act 6:10 But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking.
- Act 7:58 Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul.
- Act 7:59 And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."
- Act 7:60 And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Philip Proclaims Christ in Samaria

Philip becomes the main character in the book from Acts 8:4 through Acts 8:13. Like Stephen's boldness Act 8:5 Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ.

Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

- Act 8:26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place.
- Act 8:27 And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship
- Act 8:28 and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah.
- Act 8:29 And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot."
- Act 8:30 So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"
- Act 8:31 And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to

come up and sit with him.

Act 8:35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.

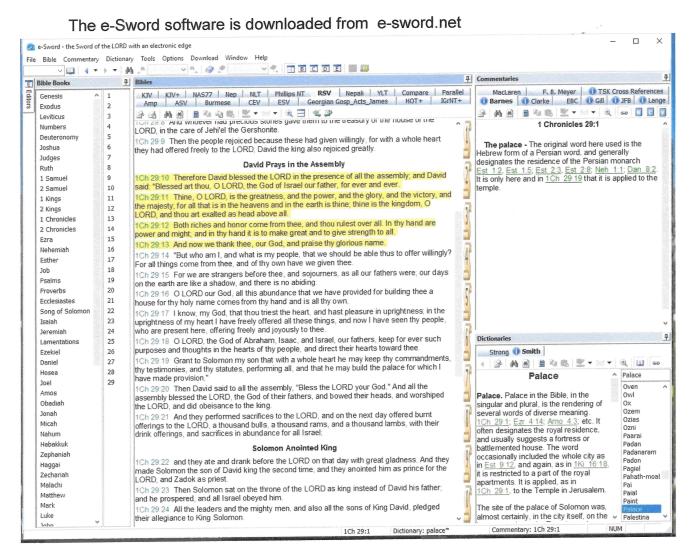
Act 8:36 And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?"

Act 8:37 [And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he replied, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."]

Act 8:38 And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.

Act 8:39 And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

Act 8:40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.



The SERVANT-SERVANT

- 1Pe 4:7 The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.
- 1Pe 4:8 Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.
- 1Pe 4:9 Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.
- 1Pe 4:10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:
- 1Pe 4:11 whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.
- **1Pe 4:11** If any man G1536 speak, G2980 let him speak as G5613 the oracles G3051 of G0d ; G2316 if any man G1536 minister, G1247 let him do it as G5613 of G1537 the ability G2479 which G3739 God G2316 giveth: G5524 that G2443 God G2316 in G1722 all things G3956 may be glorified G1392 through G1223 Jesus G2424 Christ, G5547 to whom G3739 be G2076 praise G1391 and G2532 dominion G2904 for ever and ever. G1519 G165 G165 Amen. G281

From G1249; to be an attendant, that is, wait upon (has been used for Deacon)

- "Serve" 200 verses found in Bible (ESV); 37 verses found in the New Testament
- Rom 12:11 Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.
- <u>1Ti 3:13</u> For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.
- <u>1Ti 6:2</u> Those who have believing masters must not be disrespectful on the ground that they are brothers; rather they must serve all the better since those who benefit by their good service are believers and beloved. Teach and urge these things.
- Phm 1:13 I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel,
- $\underline{1Pe\ 4:10}$ As each has received a gift, use it to $\frac{\text{serve}}{\text{one}}$ one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

TOPICAL MEMORY SYSTEM 60 verses, 12 verses per pack

- A. Live the New Life
- B. Proclaim Christ
- C. Rely on God's Resources
- D. Be Christ's Disciple
- E. Grow in Christ Likeness
- D. Be Christ's Disciple
 - Put Christ First
 - Separate from the World
 - Be Steadfast
 - Serve Others
 - Give Generously
 - Develop World Vision

Mark 10:45 For the son of man also came, not to be served but serve and to give his live as a ransom for many.

2 Cor 4:5 For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

E. Grow in Christ Likeness

- Love
- Humility
- Purity
- Honesty
- Faith
- Good Works

Gal 6:9-10 And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart. So Then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Matt 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.