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Jesus measures greatness by service, not status. A servant leader seeks the glory of his Master. A servant leads, does not dictate. A servant is everlastingly focused on his Master—Jesus Christ. In Matthew 20:27-28, Jesus says, “But it is written, ‘What God has put together, let no man separate.’” A servant leader should not encourage either the master or servant to separate. The servant leader looks to honor the Master through service and obedience.

A servant leader always bears in mind that his service comes from his relationship with Jesus Christ, not from his relationship with the master (Yahweh). The servant leader is not bound by the master, but by Jesus. Jesus is the servant leader’s Master. A servant leader is not bound to a man. A servant leader is bound to Jesus. A servant leader should not serve the master, but Jesus. When the master commands, the servant leader follows. When Jesus commands, the servant leader is always ready to follow. A servant leader has the capacity to say no to the master. A servant leader has the capacity to say yes to Jesus.