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Speaking One to Another



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to me**

**I sing
to You**

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Submitting to One Another



**You
submit
to me**

**I submit
to You**

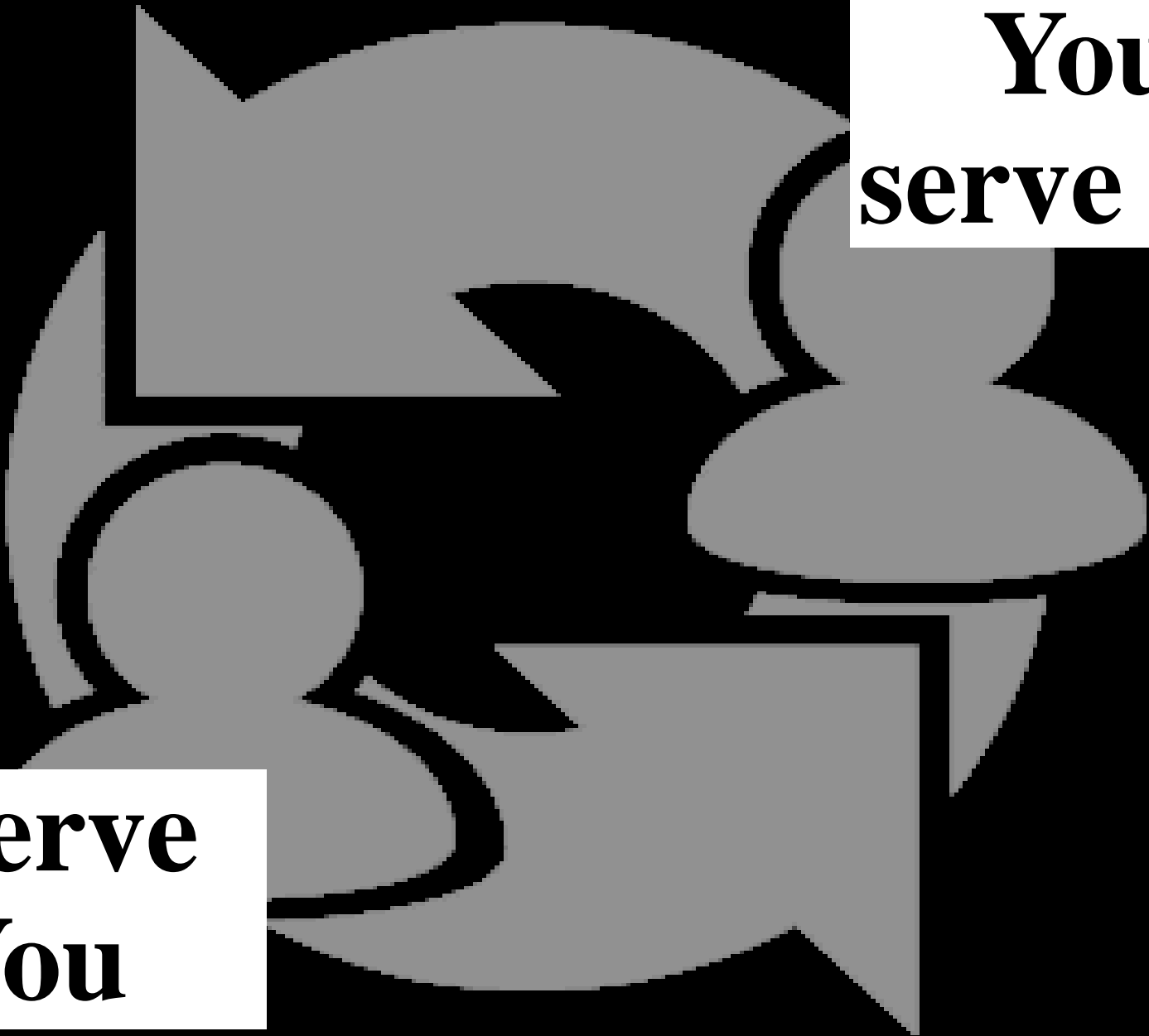
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- *but whoever desires to become great among you **shall be your servant.** 44 And whoever of you desires to be first **shall be slave of all.***
- I seek to be your servant and I seek to

Greatest seeks to be Servant/Slave of All

**You
serve me**

**I serve
You**



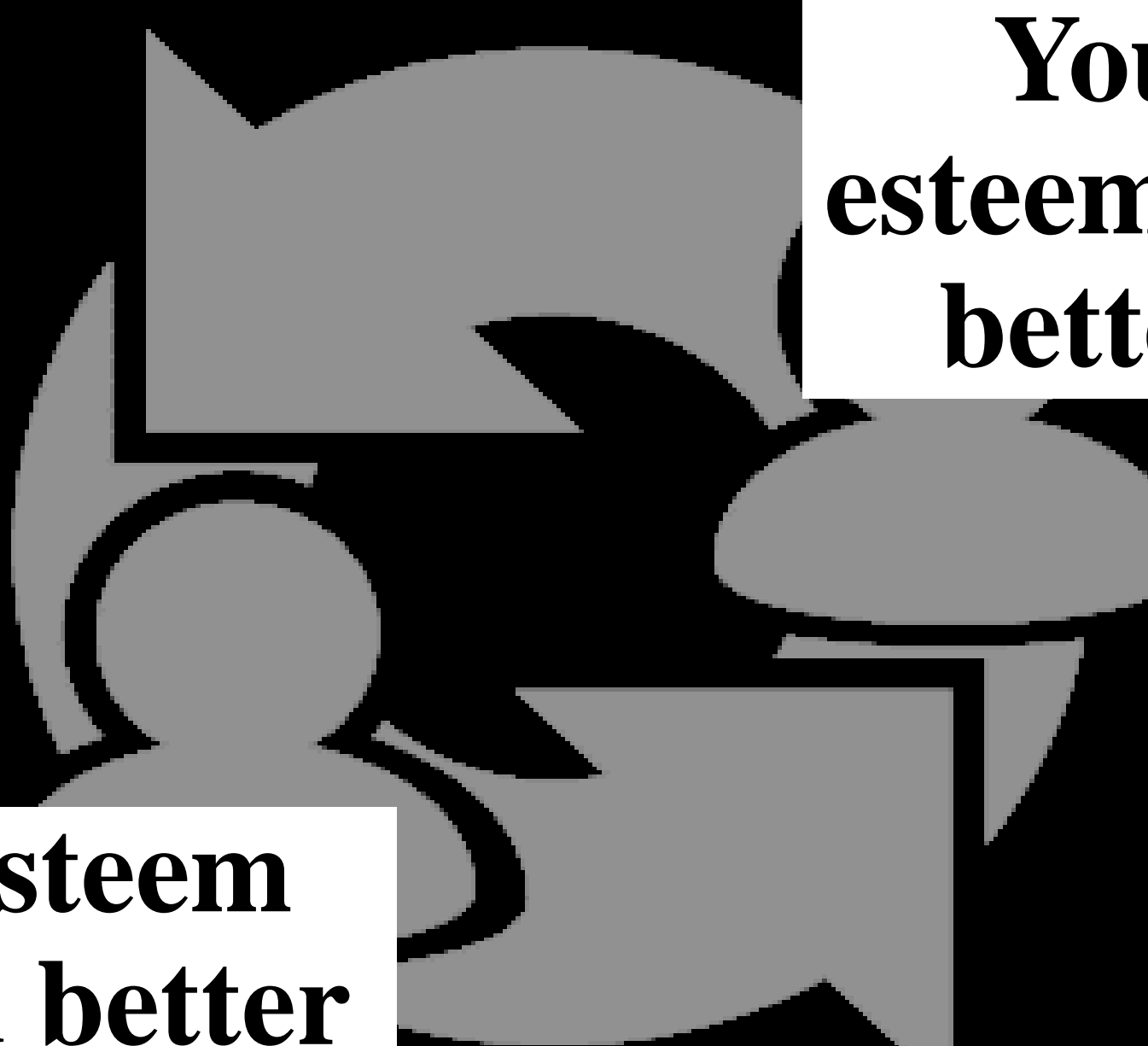
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Esteeming Others Better

**You
esteem me
better**

**I esteem
You better**



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Look out for the Interests of Others



**You look
out for my
interests**

**I look out
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Minister to one Another as good stewards

**You minister
(*diakoneo*)
to me**

**I minister
(*diakoneo*)
to you**

Do We Understand?

Reciprocity is Universal in Scripture

- *14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, **you also ought to wash one another's feet.** Jn. 13:14*
- *A new commandment I give to you, that you **love one another**; as I have loved you, that you also **love one another**. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you **have love for one another.**" Jn. 13:34-35*

Reciprocity is Universal

- *Be **kindly affectionate to one another** with brotherly love, **in honor giving preference to one another**; Rom 12:10*
- *Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. Rom 13:8*
- *And **be kind to one another**, tenderhearted, **forgiving one another**, even as God in Christ forgave you. Eph 4:32*
- ***bearing with one another**, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. Col 3:13*

Universal Reciprocity = Same Care Suffer with –Rejoice with One Another

- *But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it, 25 that there should be no schism in the body, but that the **members should have the same care for one another.** 26 And if **one member suffers, all the members suffer** with it; or if **one member is honored, all the members rejoice** with it. 27 Now you are the body of Christ, and **members individually.** 1 Cor 12:24-27*

Universal Reciprocity in body of Christ

**Same Care
Suffer with
Rejoice with**

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Universal Reciprocity = Same Care Fervent Love – Hospitality -- Minister

- *And above all **things have fervent love for one another**, for "love will cover a multitude of sins." 9 Be **hospitable to one another without grumbling**. 10 As each one has received a gift, **minister it to one another, as good stewards** of the manifold grace of God. 1 Peter 4:8-10*

Universal Reciprocity in body of Christ

Fervent Love

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Which Relationships? — All!

- submitting to **one another** in the fear of Christ.
- wives to your own **husband**,
- **husbands** love your wives,
- **children** obey your **parents**,
- **fathers** don't provoke your children,
- **slaves** be obedient,
- **masters** do the same to them." Eph 5:21-33
- Position of service or leadership makes no difference. We are all servants one of another, just as Jesus was.
- This is the submission that makes us great in the kingdom of heaven

Submitting One Another

- *21 submitting to one another in the fear of God.
22 Wives, to your own husbands, as to the Lord.*
- *25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.
29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.*
- *33 Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. Eph 5:21-33*

Serving one Another in the Fear of Christ

Husband
Love – *agape*
Service

Wife
Submit

Serving one Another in Fear of Christ

- *Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: 3 "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."*
- *4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord. Eph 6:1-4*

Serving one Another in the Fear of Christ

Fathers

Nurture

Chasten

Admonish

Children

Obey your

Parents