



**Background** – This sermon series is designed to help people be encouraged by the love of God through Jesus Christ. Also, I want people to learn how to love each other more effectively.

**Key Verse/Scripture Memory** – **Philippians 2:5-8**

**Take Away** - Acts of service are a powerful way to love God and others.

**I. What does being a servant say about our love for God and others?**

A. Serving demonstrates that we truly understand the purpose of Jesus.

[Isaiah 53:1-6](#)

B. Serving demonstrates that we are willing to suffer on behalf of others.

[Isaiah 53:7, Philippians 2:1-8](#)

C. Serving demonstrates that we are satisfied in our relationship with Jesus above all.

[Isaiah 53:8-12, Philippians 2:9-11](#)

**II. Application**

A. Who do you know that Acts of service is their primary love language? How can you serve that person.

B. Do you truly want to be like Jesus and give your life to serving others? Ask God to make you a servant.

**III. Family/Small Group Discussion**

- 1) Pray – That we will God's perfect example of love will inspire us to love others well.
- 2) Briefly review the sermon outline. Have people read aloud a few of the scriptures covered and explain why they are important and meaningful.
  - a. Explain how acts of service function as a love language. Why do acts of service qualify as expressions of love?
  - b. Discuss the power of service as a love language. How can this apply to your relationships (spouse, parent-child, close friends, etc)?
  - c. Considering the passages in the sermon or other scriptures you know, how did Jesus use acts of service as a way to express love or to fulfill His ministry?
  - d. Should acts of service become acts of manipulation, they are no longer acts of love. To prevent such occurrences, what does learning the love language of acts of service require of us? What should be our response if someone asks something of us that conflicts with our beliefs?
  - e. Who in your life needs to be assured by your acts of service?