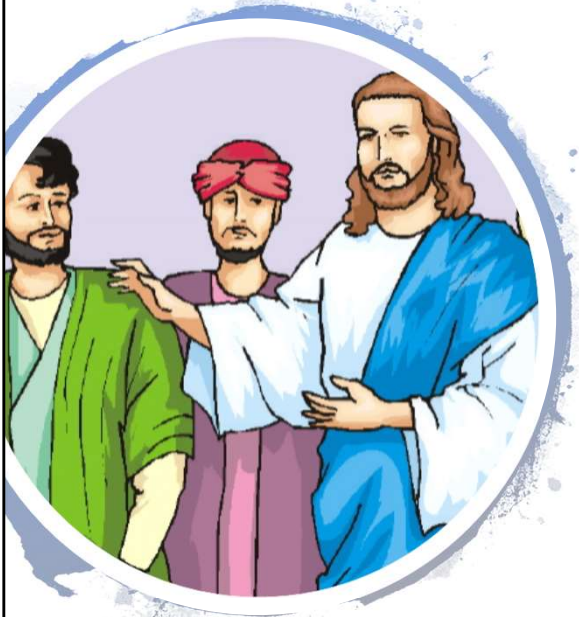




**Synergy** must be accompanied with **servanthood**. Without servanthood, synergy is just a slogan and a symbol. So, how can we develop the culture of Christ's servanthood within us? Not only know how to be a servant, but the goal is having a willingness to be servant and do it just like what Jesus teach us to do.



## Fighting?!

**LUKE 22** <sup>24</sup> A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. <sup>26</sup> But you are not to be like that. Instead, **the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves.** <sup>27</sup> For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But **I am among you as one who serves.**

People always tend to think about **competition!** Maybe about achievements, savings, academics, anything could be used as the topic of competition. But then Jesus told them one of **the greatest contradiction** of His teaching: **the greatest is the one who serves!** Even Jesus showed Himself as a servant in the presence of His disciples. At the peak of His ministry, at the last night before He went to the cross, Jesus literally humbled Himself and wash the feet of the disciples as a very lowly servant!

## Romans 15:1-3

<sup>1</sup> We then who are **strong** ought to bear with the scruples of the **weak**, and not to please ourselves. <sup>2</sup> Let each of us please *his* neighbour for *his* good, leading to **edification**. <sup>3</sup> For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me."

The strong and the weak always there in our community, our family, our class, and also our local church.

What we need to do if we feel as the strong one:

1. Be thankful because any strength that we have is happened by the grace of God and not merely by our own ability.
2. Be thankful for the weak that God put in our circle, as we have the opportunity to help them!

What we need to do if we feel as the weak one:

1. Be thankful because indeed God had put some hidden strength that yet to be revealed.
2. Be thankful because God had put the strong one around us to help us with the weaknesses we have.



## The Heart of a Servant Will Say:

- **LUKE 17** <sup>10</sup> So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.'
- **1CORINTHIANS 3** <sup>5</sup> Who then is Paul, and who *is* Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? <sup>6</sup> I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. <sup>7</sup> So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.
- **MATTHEW 25** <sup>20</sup> "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.'



## What Will God Say to His Faithful Servant:

- **MATTHEW 25** <sup>21</sup> His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'