

# PUTTING OTHERS FIRST



## WORD OF THE WEEK

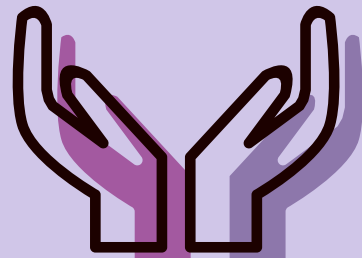


**Mark 9: 33-38**

They came to Capernaum, and after going indoors Jesus asked his disciples, "What were you arguing about on the road?" But they would not answer him, because on the road they had been arguing among themselves about who was the greatest. 35 Jesus sat down, called the twelve disciples, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must place himself last of all and be the servant of all." Then he took a child and had him stand in front of them. He put his arms around him and said to them, "Whoever welcomes in my name one of these children, welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me, welcomes not only me but also the one who sent me."

*In this week's Word of the Week the disciples argue about which of them was the greatest, and Jesus called them out on it. He completely turned the tables on their and our perception of greatness and said, "Make yourselves last. Put others first."*

- How does it feel when someone puts you first before themselves? How does it feel to put others first?
- When is it hard? When is it easy?
- Why do you think Jesus wants us to put others first? What happens when we put others first?



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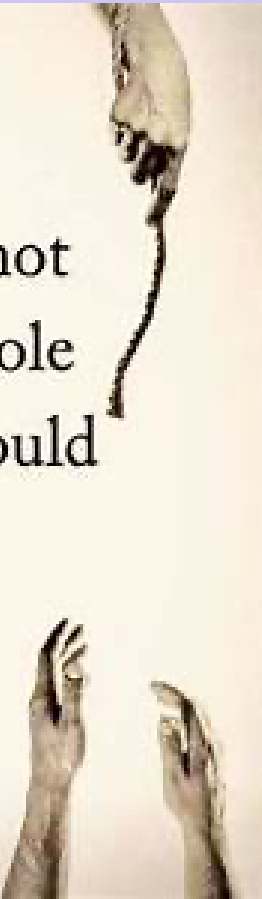
-JESUS MARK 9:35

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, Thank you so much for all you have done for me. Thank you for always putting me first, and giving your self on the cross for me.

You have showed me how to love. Help me to show your love to other people putting them first. Help me to always put others first no matter who they are or what they have done. Remind me daily the importance of living out your love in the world to the people I meet every day.

Amen.



Helping one person might not change the whole world, but it could change the world for one person.

## FAITH IN ACTION

Throughout the bible we see examples of how Jesus and his disciples put others first.

Take a moment to think about what you could do this week to put others needs before your own.

When in school could you put others first?

What could you do at home to show that the needs of others are important?

What situation in the world do you feel you would like to do something about, to help those that really need our help?

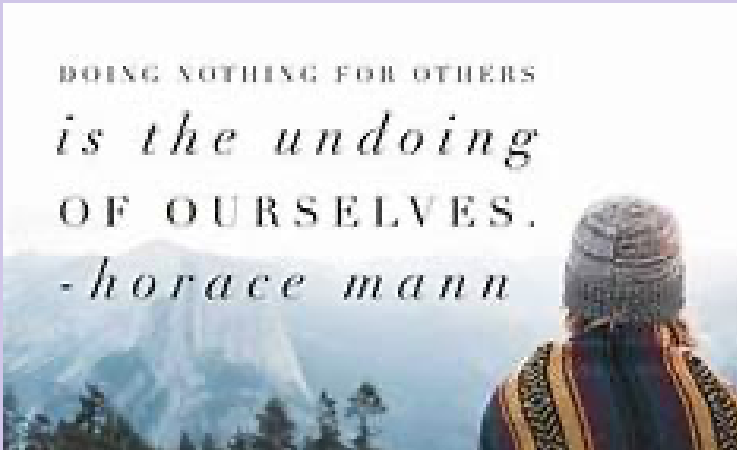


THE STORY OF THE RAINBOW FISH  
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SERVANT OF ALL (WORSHIP SONG)  
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"True love is putting someone else before yourself."



DOING NOTHING FOR OTHERS  
*is the undoing*  
OF OURSELVES.  
*-horace mann*

## ST CAMILLUS

Camillus was a big man with a bad temper. He never minded a fight and he was not particularly concerned about who he fought. So, for eight years, he became a soldier of fortune, fighting for whoever was prepared to pay him. He was also a born gambler and eventually lost everything that he had. To earn some money, he found work as a labourer, helping to build a monastery.

It was then that his life changed. As he watched the monks, he decided he too would like to do something that was useful for a change. He tried to join the Franciscan Friars (a group of monks) but he was unable to do so because of a disease in his leg resulting from an old battle injury. He decided that he might be able to help those who suffered as he did and so he attached himself to a hospital. He soon discovered what shocking places hospitals were- filthy, ridden with disease and having brutal people nursing the sick.

In 1584, Camillus became a priest and leader of a band of men, known as Ministers of the Sick, who pledged themselves to help the sick and injured. Camillus sent out the first unit ever to tend the injured on the battlefield. His followers wore a Red Cross.

When he died in July 1614, he has about three hundred others, all pledged to do this great work. Today he is known as St camillus, the patron saint of nurses and the sick and his feast day falls on the 18th July each year.

## GOD ALWAYS PUTS US FIRST

It is a real challenge for us to think of others instead of ourselves, but our God always puts others first. He does what is best for us every minute of every day. When he sent Jesus to leave heaven and come to earth, he was thinking of us. When Jesus died on the cross, God was thinking of us.

Everyone is number one to God. He loves each of us the same and none is greater or more important to him than another.