**Chapters 4-7**

* **Chapter 4 - Servants are Humble** (*John 13….”….and Jesus laid aside his garments…”*
* Humility is willfully yielding. (p. 23)
  + It is preferring others before yourself. Humility is not a weakness, but powerful because it requires power to refrain from retaliation (p. 24). *John 10:17-18 “….I lay down my life…”*
* Humility is willfully choosing to die to the desire of the flesh… (p. 26)
* Leaders are servants who follow God. Leaders submit to the will and the way of God (p. 28).
* If you remain in place, and serve with excellence, God will reward your service (p. 28)
* **Chapter 5 - Servants Follow Through**
* Servants finish what they start. *(John 13)*
  + Jesus did not stop washing of the feet because he was tired!
* The presence of contrary winds and storms is not an indication for you to stop.
  + When the storm of adversity comes against you that is not the time to stop or quit, it is the time to persevere (p. 30)!
* Matthew 16: 21-23:
  + Maintain Your Focus!
  + Maintain Your Faith!
  + Maintain Your Fight!
* Finish What You Have Started! Be like Paul in *II Timothy 4:7 “…..I have finished my course….”*
* **Chapter 6 - Servants Serve in Unfavorable Conditions**
* God never said serving would be easy (p .40).
* When you are attentive to others, God will be attentive to your needs.
* “*My Grace is Sufficient…”(II Corinthians 12:9*)- (p. 41)
  + Interpretation: You can still do what God has called you to, even though the conditions externally and internally, are not comfortable.
* Even though God has not removed IT, the assignment has not changed (p. 41).
* **Metaphor of Christianity**-The Christian life is a race…but everyone has a different lane assignment…the course is already set…You must run the predetermined course
  + *Hebrews 12:1 – “Run with Patience the race that is set before us…”*
* **Chapter Seven – Servants Serve Unfavorable People**
* Jesus washed his servant’s feet…even Judas’s feet…who would betray him.
* Jesus washed his servant’s feet…even Peter…who would deny him.
* Jesus washed his servant’s feet…even those who would desert him.
* Read Luke 6: 32-35
* Jesus served by sacrificing himself.