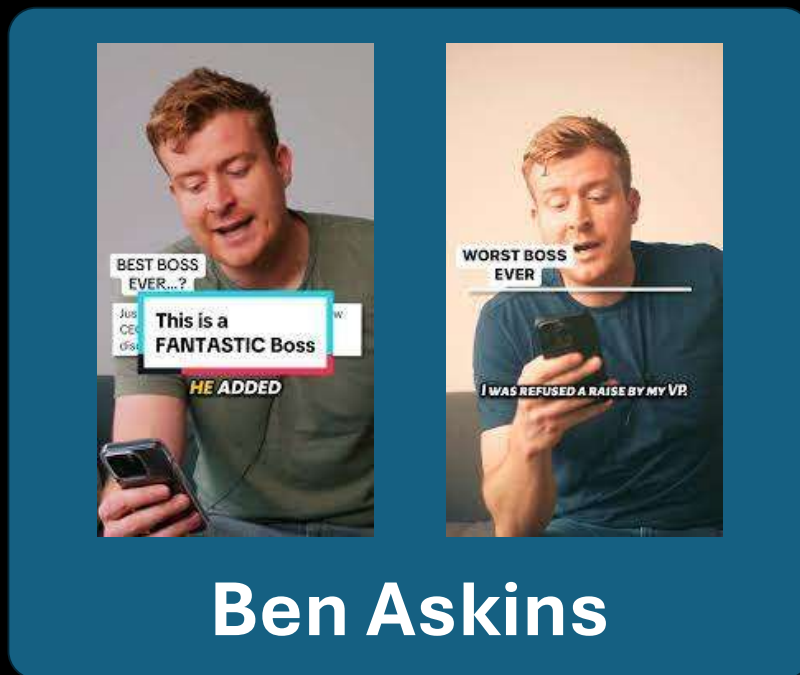


Confident in Relationships

Part 2

Ephesians 6:1-9

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Hope you are feeling better. I need you working deliveries on the 17th and 18th, is that all ok?

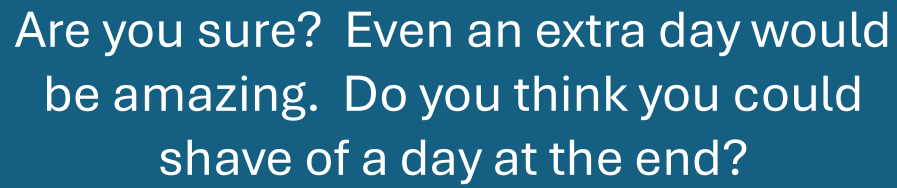
Hey man, just a reminder that I am still on doctor's orders. I'm not to drive for another week due to my pain meds since the accident but there's only a week to go and then I can come back all cylinders firing.

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I really need you, to be honest. You know what the Christmas delivery schedule is like. Can you just skip the meds for a couple of days? I can give you the days back at the other end.

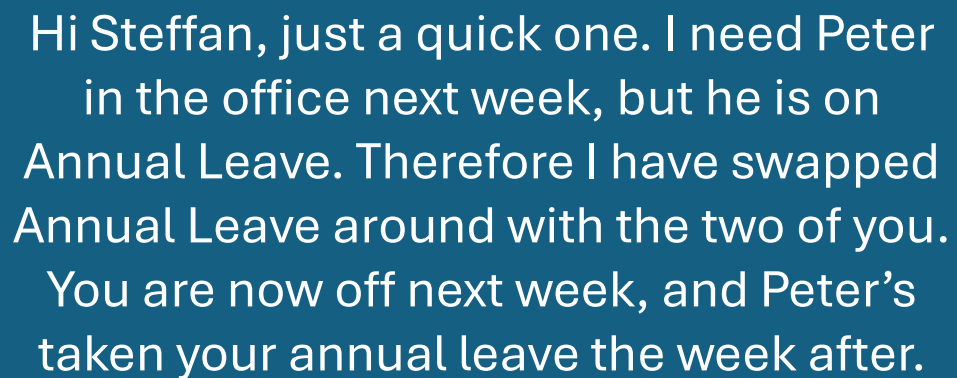
Sorry, my doctor was clear that the meds are very unsafe to drive on, and I need to finish the prescription to give myself time for my back to heal properly.

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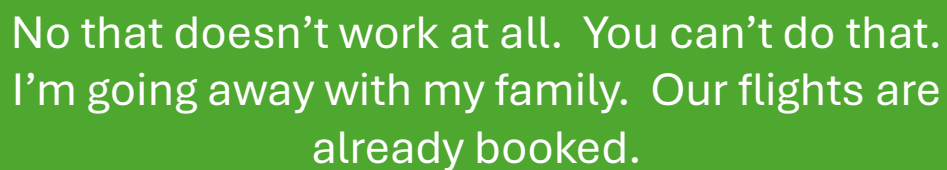


Are you sure? Even an extra day would be amazing. Do you think you could shave of a day at the end?

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Hi Steffan, just a quick one. I need Peter in the office next week, but he is on Annual Leave. Therefore I have swapped Annual Leave around with the two of you. You are now off next week, and Peter's taken your annual leave the week after.



No that doesn't work at all. You can't do that. I'm going away with my family. Our flights are already booked.

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I get that it is not ideal. I need Peter next week and you know the rules. You can't both be off at the same time.

So? I honestly don't care if you need Peter in the office next week - that has nothing to do with me or my holiday.

Come on! It isn't like I'm cancelling it. Just moving things around. I could really do with you being flexible here. I'm sure you can move things around if you wanted to make it work.

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Are you on annual leave today? I haven't seen you in the office.

Um, I don't work there anymore. My last day was Friday

What? I did not realise that. Did you do a handover?

Yeah of course, I sent everything round. Also, you were the one I handed my notice into a month ago.

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Yeah, I totally forgot. I've found your handover email but none of this makes sense. Is there any chance you can come by next week and run through it with me?

It depends. How much would I be paid?

Why would you be paid?

Well, I'd have to pay for travel and it would take a few hours out of my day. I would need to be compensated for that.

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I can't believe you are trying to scam money out of me! All I am asking for is a quick favour because your handover is so bad ... and you are trying to take advantage.

It isn't my fault that you didn't show up when I ran the team through everything. I offered a session with you multiple times and you rejected it. I am more than happy to come in and help you, but it will cost you two hours pay. Take it or leave it.

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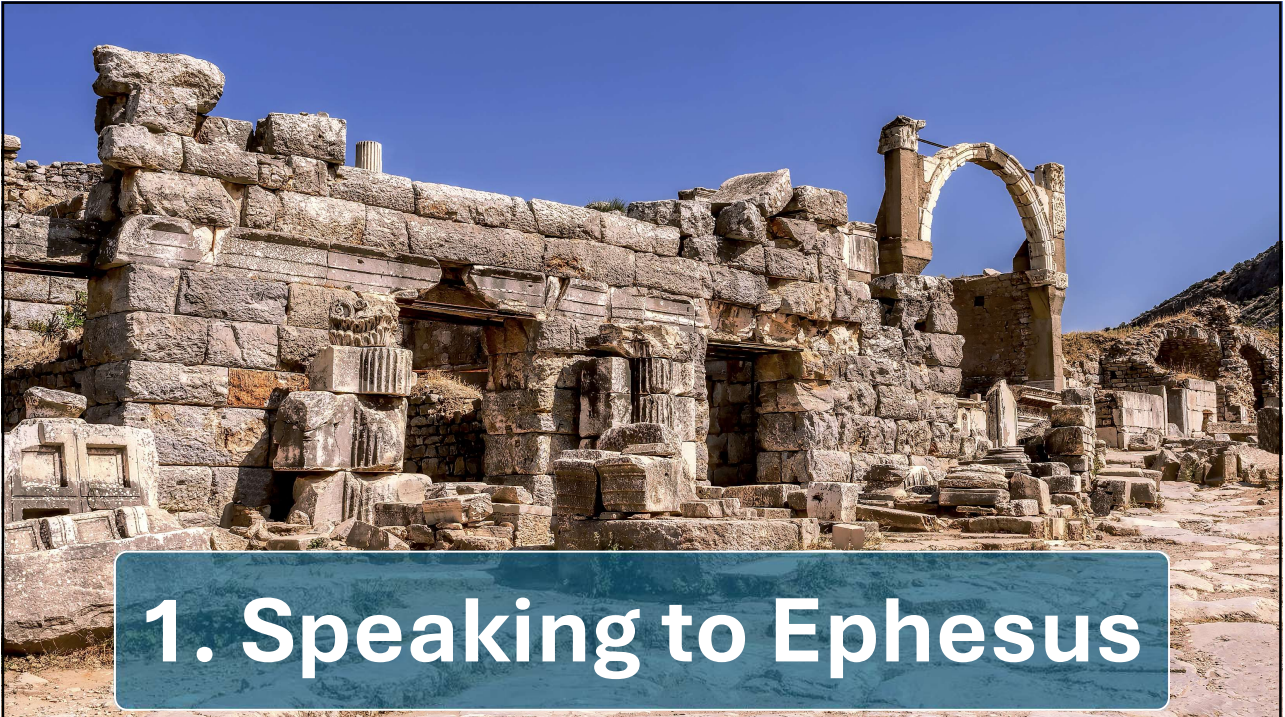
Fine. I guess if you are going to be like this,
I have no choice.

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Power Dynamics

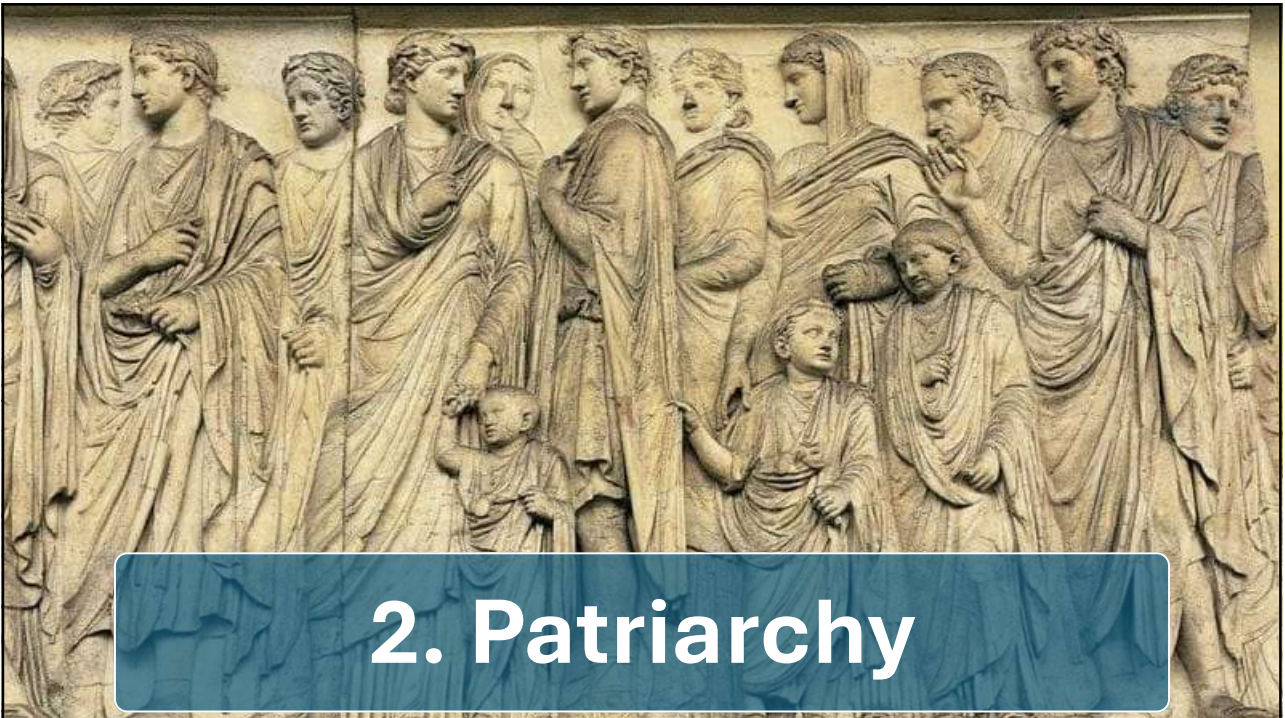


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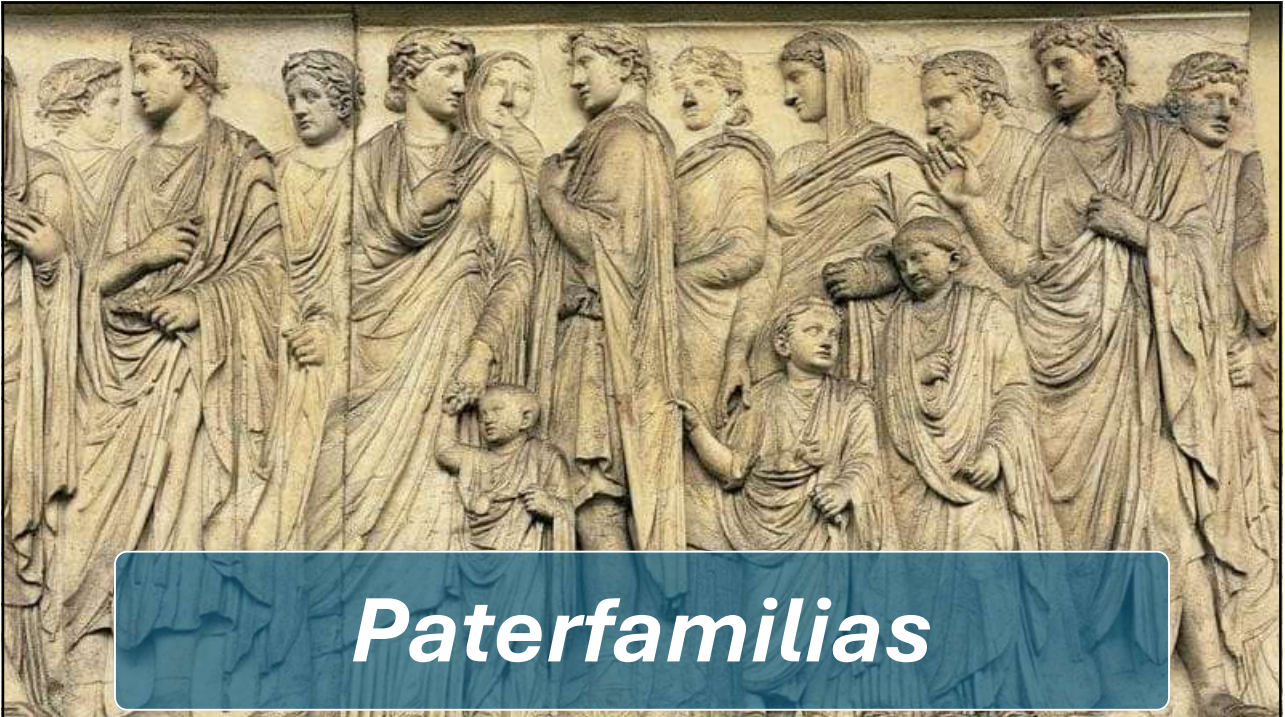
1. Speaking to Ephesus

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2. Patriarchy

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- Masters, treat your slaves in the same way (Eph 6:9)

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Masters and Slaves

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Submission

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Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. **NOT SO WITH YOU**. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave - just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

(Mat 20:25-28)

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Submission & Service

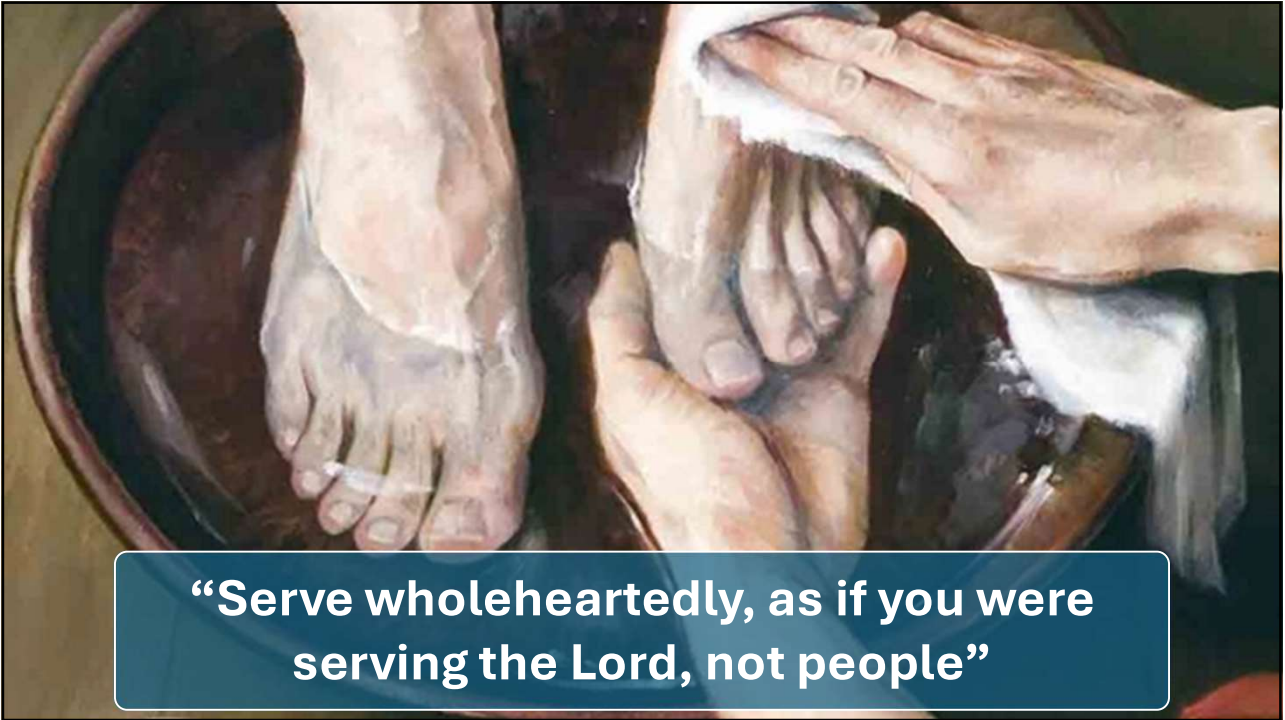
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⁵ **Workers**, obey your earthly **bosses** with **duty and** respect, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. ⁶ Obey them not only to win their favour when their eye is on you, but as **workers for** Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. ⁷ Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, ⁸ because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are **employer or employee**. ⁹ And **bosses**, treat your **workers** in the same way. Do not mistreat them, since you know that he who is both their **boss** and yours is in heaven, and there is no favouritism with him.
(Eph 6:5-9, *adapted*)

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