

Doulos

My recent meditations have been on the word *humility*. Today the LORD magnified the example of Jesus' servant hood and sacrifice which resulted in this painting, *Doulos*, a word that means *Servant* in the Greek language.

John 13 became a sweet aroma to me as I imagined Jesus in the upper room removing his towel, taking the bowl of water and gently, lovingly, washing the feet of his disciples as a servant would do. I spent several hours reading, praying and referencing many of the additional scriptures offered as background to this verse and Mark 10:45 became my Christmas message.

As I painted this image, I not only thought of Christ's example of foot-washing and ministering to the distressed and sick, but I thought of many people modeling this same attitude over the last months in the midst of numerous global disasters. As I quietly reflected on all these things, a prayer of thanksgiving went up to the LORD and I felt a rush of gratitude and fullness. I knew it was Jesus' Extravagant Gift of coming into the world on purpose, to give His life that makes my life worth living.

*Even the Son of Man did not come to be served,
but to serve and to give his life
as a ransom for many
Mark 10:45*

References:

John 13:1-7; Mark 10:45; Matthew 20:28; Philippians 2:5-8
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