

*Influencing Culture – Serving Stories*

# *Jesus' Service Points the Way*

*Isaiah 49:1-6*

**Introduction:** Jesus is the ultimate servant who is sent to restore the world back to God. In this prophetic passage from the pen of Isaiah, we see three marks of service in Jesus that directly apply to us.

1. **1<sup>ST</sup> QUALITY – Servants are always conscious of their purpose in life.**  
*Isaiah 49:1b-3*
  - A. Jesus was called from his mother's womb. 49:1b
  - B. Jesus was called to penetrate culture. 49:2a
  - C. Jesus was called to minister in obscurity. 49:2a
  - D. Jesus was called to excel in service. 49:3
  
2. **2<sup>ND</sup> QUALITY – Servants must be willing to tolerate seasons of confusion and brokenness. *Isaiah 49: 4a***
  - A. Jesus is pictured in his humanity questioning the results of his ministry. 49:4a
  - B. Jesus actually did question his ministry on two occasions. Matthew 27:46
  - C. We will go through times when we question the value of what we are doing and experience brokenness.
  
3. **3<sup>RD</sup> QUALITY – Servants know that they will achieve ultimate success.**  
*Isaiah 49:4b-5, 6*
  - A. Servants serve out of faith – in the present – even during seasons of brokenness. 49:4b, 5b
  - B. Servants serve out of a conviction of the total success of Jesus' total success. 49:1a, 5-6
  - C. End result: Servants serve and then they speak, i.e. they announce good news. 49:1a