This summer I had the opportunity to serve the Lord in Port Alsworth, Alaska. I set off with my fiancé to work as a housekeeper for a month at a marriage retreat center for wounded warriors and their spouses. It was a month of hard work and long hours. I spent the majority of my working hours on my hands and knees scrubbing toilets until they sparkled and polishing hard floors until they shone like the midnight sun of Alaska. While this job had little stress involved, it brought on physical exhaustion and weariness. There were many times I thought I wouldn’t make it.

It is often said that when life knocks you down, you find yourself in the best position to pray, on your knees. While cleaning up after the men and women who sacrificed their bodies, minds, and emotions for our freedom, I found myself praying throughout the day and communicating regularly with God. Without the grace of God, I would have caved to the exhaustion and had a miserable month. However, the more time I spent on my knees, the more humbled I became.

As God humbled me throughout the month, I began to see his beauty, grace, and love at work in each of the couples. People came to know Christ and rededicated their marriages in God’s name. Each volunteer played an important role in carrying out the mission of Christ. From the administrative staff and chaplains, down to the support staff, including the toilet scrubbers, each person represented part of the body of Christ.

**Life Question:** Why is it important to demonstrate humbleness in Christian service?

**Prayer:** Gracious God, help me to seek you continually in humble service. Give me the strength to demonstrate your love in all I do. Amen.

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