

## WHAT DOES A SERVANT LOOK LIKE?

John 13:1-17

John 10:10, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

### Jesus taught His disciples two powerful lessons in John 13

SERVE one another.

LOVE one another.

John 13:1, "Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end."

#### 1. Servants LOVE

Without love, service is merely DUTY.

Without love, service always sours into BITTERNESS.

John 13:2-4, "And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him; Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God; He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself."

#### 2. Servants are STRONG

Strong DIRECTION

"His time had come to leave."

Strong AUTHORITY

"All things were under his power."

Strong IDENTITY

"He came from God and was returning to God."

These all add up to genuine SECURITY.

John 13:5-9, "After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head."

#### 3. Servants serve IMPERFECT PEOPLE

Think of the feet that Jesus washed!

**The DISCIPLES feet.**

Luke 22:24, "And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest."

**JUDAS' feet**

**PETER'S feet**

Peter is so human:

He says "You'll never wash my feet", but Jesus does.

He says "I'll lay down my life for you", but he doesn't.

#### **4. Servants are not SHOWY**

John 13:10-11, "Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean."

John 13:12-17, "So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

#### **5. Servants MEET NEEDS**

##### **Why did Jesus wash their feet?**

Their hearts were proud

Their FEET were DIRTY.

##### **What does it mean to wash the feet of a disciple today?**

To wash feet is to: TO DO SOMETHING TO MEET SOMEONE'S NEEDS.

The greatest servants know the greatest barrier to the meeting of needs.

It was their PROUD HEARTS.