Make Me A Servant

Ken Chapman · John 13:1–17

INTRODUCTION

- This spiritual and biblical theme is the idea that being a Christian and at the core of Christianity is relationships.
- The point of these groups, ironically, is that we've split the congregation into groups to further enhance unity.
- I think we could categorize it as a parable. Not a spoken parable so much, as it was a demonstration and a lesson on service.

1 He Washed Their Feet Because They Were Dirty

1 John 3:18

- He washed their feet because they were dirty. And somebody needed to wash them.
- Servants in the local church, servants in our community, servants in our family, servants to one another, for this very reason, is because it needs to be done, and somebody needs to do it.
- The last time I checked, you're a somebody.
- Little children, let us not love in word or in talk, but in deed and in truth.
- Whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, to him it is sin.
- Why can't I gird a towel and fill a basin with water and be that somebody to somebody else?

2 To Correct Their Attitudes of Selfishness and Pride

- It's largely to correct their attitudes of selfishness and pride.
- That speculation about who it might be led into an argument and a disagreement about who was the greatest among them.
- Jesus just quietly gets up, wraps himself in a towel, pours a basin of water, and washes the feet of every one of those arrogant, selfish disciples.
- We understand selfishness and pride to be an anathema to Christianity and what it means to be a child of God.
- The best way to deal with that is to wash somebody's feet.

3 To Demonstrate the Core of Being a Christian: Humble Service

John 13:14; John 13:34–35

- Another reason why Jesus washed their feet was to demonstrate the essence and the core of what it means to be a Christian. And that's humble service.
- If I then, your Lord and your teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.
- It wasn't exactly about the task of washing feet so much as it was about being an humble servant.

- A new commandment I give you, that you love one another. As I have loved you, that you also love one another.
- The most real and concrete sense in which it can be said that was a new commandment is that he adds, as I have loved you.
- That's what love is. That's what Christianity is. And that's who God is.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Let us all say, make me a servant. Empty of me selfishness and pride, and help me to learn this lesson to be a servant of God.**

MY NOTES