Serve Like Jesus

William Stewart · John 13:1–17

INTRODUCTION

- The apostles on several occasions, they had these arguments, these disagreements about who is the greatest.
- We need to distinguish between true greatness and this world's greatness.
- The degree of service between those two is very different. And yet the motive behind them is exactly the same.

1 Jesus Served Because He Loved

John 13:1; John 13:34–35; 1 John 3:16

- Having loved his own, who were in the world, he loved them to the end.
- Jesus' service, whether it be washing their feet or whether it be dying at Calvary for you and I, his service was an expression of love.
- They were not an easy bunch to love. And yet Jesus loved them.
- Servitude will not appease our guilt. The only thing that will take care of our guilt is the forgiveness of God and the forgiveness of those that we've wronged.
- We serve God because we love God. We serve one another because we love one another.
- By this we know love because he laid down his life for us, and we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

2 Serve in a Spirit of Humility

Philippians 2:3–8; Mark 10:45

- Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind, let each esteem others better than himself.
- You and I, as the children of God, are called to be humble servants of one another, not self.
- He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. That is our example of humility.
- When Jesus came to this world, he girded himself with the towel of humanity.
- He didn't wash us with water as he did with the disciples' feet. He washed us with blood.
- Even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.

3 True Greatness Is Found in Service

Mark 10:43; Mark 9:35; Luke 22:26–27

- True greatness is found in service.
- In today's world, it's money, prestige, power. Those are the kinds of things that man looks at.
- Whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant.

- If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.
- Because if we follow our perspective of greatness, we will not go to heaven.
- He who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Is your name there? Are you faithfully serving Him today?**

MY NOTES