Wash One Anothers Feet

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INTRODUCTION

- Verse 3 makes it clear, Jesus does this because he knows. I'm returning to the Father.
- If I then, the Lord and the teacher, wash your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.
- What it means for us as we consider the fact that we are devoted to one another, and how it is that we can serve each other.

1 Having Loved His Own, He Loved Them to the End

John 13:1; John 13:13–17

- Jesus loving his disciples and loving them to the end, in other words, John's saying, it's because of that Jesus then washes their feet.
- He loves them. And because he loves them, he wants them to grow.
- If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.
- You need to do this because one, God says you should, and two, you're going to be blessed by God if you do this.

2 It Hurts to Be Loved So Much by God

Mark 10:17–21; Deuteronomy 10:13; Revelation 3:19

- The complaint with God is not that he loves us too little, it's that he loves us too much. He loves us so much that what he wants for us is truly what's best.
- Jesus, of course, sees something in this young man that needs to be rubbed off. Some fault that needs to be gotten rid of.
- How much does Christ love his church? Loved it so much that he says his aim is to get rid of every blemish.
- What is it the Lord says to his churches in Revelation 3 and verse 19, those whom I love I rebuke and chasten?
- I love my kids much more than I do other kids. And I want them to behave in a certain way.

3 Serving Doesn't Come Naturally

Matthew 20; Luke 22; Ephesians 4:16

- Like all good things, it's going to take some training.
- Even though they've seen him serving others constantly, they among themselves are always arguing, which one of us is going to be the greatest.
- This lesson of serving each other was one that they needed drilled in them time and time and time again.
- Every last one of us is still learning about how to do those things.

- If you're in Christ, then you are a servant. And that starts as soon as you're in Christ. And it doesn't end.
- Train them for service. Because if we're not training for service, we're not trained to be Christians.

4 Serving Is in Its Nature Humbling

John 13:4; Philippians 2:5–8

- He is literally taking the part of a slave. He is dressing himself in the way that a slave would have dressed himself to serve his master.
- He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on the cross. The whole process was humiliation.
- But if Jesus said, wash each other's feet, I ain't signing up for that.
- But there are other forms of service that are downright humiliating. That takes some getting used to.
- What is it, my brethren need right now? It may be they need the card. It may be they need the meal or just the friendly visit. But there's going to be those other things they need too.

THE CHALLENGE

You count him as Lord and teacher, then you make those changes. You serve one another. You wash one another's feet. Allow Jesus' perfecting of you to continue and his love for you to continue.

MY NOTES