You Be Like Jesus

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INTRODUCTION

- Jesus not only demonstrates how we should live, he commands that we follow his example.
- In John chapter 13, Jesus suggests that even when it's uncomfortable, even when it's not favorable to us, we have to be like him.

1 Think Like Jesus: Focused on the Big Picture

John 13:1–3; Matthew 26:39

- If we're going to live like Jesus, we have to think like Jesus.
- Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.
- Those in the world were the ones who were going to crucify him.
- I know my time can be up at any moment. That I do only live once, and so I need to remember, I need to make this day count for God, not for me.

2 Just Go, Just Serve

John 13:4–5; John 13:12–16; John 13:34

- He just serves. He doesn't wait.
- Don't wait to be asked. Don't wait to be told. Just do it. See a need, fill that need.
- If then your Lord and teacher have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example that you should also do just as I have done to you.
- A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another just as I have loved you.

3 Be Like Jesus in Offering Forgiveness

Matthew 18:15–17; Matthew 18:21–22; Matthew 5:23–24

- If your brother sins against you, Go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you have gained your brother.
- If you have been wrong, Jesus says, you go and make it right.
- Jesus always has the big picture in mind.
- This is uncomfortable because it means I have to move first. And nobody likes moving first.

4 Be Like Jesus in Our Marriages

Ephesians 5:22–33

- Our marriages should reflect the love of Christ in the church. That's an incredibly high standard.
- Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.
- There's a sacrificial love where somebody has to do what Jesus did and move first.

- This isn't simply a marriage problem at all. This is a people problem. We put our own interests before that of others.

5 Seek to Help People in Need

Romans 12:9–13; John 13:35

- Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.
- I have to look to see the problem and then fill that void. That's what Jesus did.
- Me living selflessly will convey to the world there is something higher, something better worth living for.
- If Jesus only loved and helped the people he liked, none of us would have any shot.

6 Think of Others First and Focus on Where We're Going

Philippians 2:3–5; John 13:1–3

- Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility, count others more significant than yourselves.
- We live for God or we live for ourselves. It is a binary option.
- Just be there. Just serve. Just love. It's what Jesus did, and he embodied it perfectly.
- If the time of Jesus before he's crucified was well spent washing feet, why should I think my life deserves to be spent any less selflessly?

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Don't have any doubt. Make your life right with God today. You only live once. Give God what He's due. Serve Him, be right with Him.**

MY NOTES