

The Servant's Example

The Gospel of John - Chapter 13:1-17

Some people came here today hurting, some came rejoicing, but no matter our story, or pain, Jesus invites _____ simply to come to him. Remembering the life-giving sacrifice of Jesus dying on the cross should keep us motivated to share his message of eternal life and burden us to continue making disciples until our last breath. Today we will see the continued love and compassion Jesus had for all of his disciples, even the one that would betray him. Jesus will humbly show us the perfect example of how we should not be too proud to _____ others. If we are thinking too highly of ourselves or have developed a sense that we are doing enough, Jesus' message today should humble us and help us recognize that if Jesus was a servant to all, we too should serve the same way.

Humbling Fact #1 – Jesus washed all the disciples' _____ (v. 1-5)

- The God of the universe and creator of all things saw it fit to get down and wash the feet of his followers. In the Jewish culture, the master of the house would host an event, greet the guest with a kiss, some oil, and a cup of filled to the brim with water. The _____ would be the one to wash the guest's feet. **Gen. 18:4; 19:2; 24:32; 43:24; 1 Sam. 25:41; Lk. 7:44; Jn. 12:3**
- The "*garments*" were outer additional layers of clothes like a tunic or a mantle. In those times people wore multiple layers of clothes to protect themselves from the hot sun, but also to keep them warm when the weather at night got cold, and during winter. **Gen. 8:22; Ex. 4:6; Ps. 74:17; Prov. 25:13; Is. 1:18; 55:10; Jn. 10:22; Mat. 28:3; Rev. 1:14**
- Jesus was not too proud to "get his hands dirty" with ministry, because ministry is people. He took a bowl of water, a towel, and simply cleaned off the dirt from their feet. In a devotional application as believers, as we walk through this world, we get dirty, and only the word of God can wash away all that filth. From salvation by the word, to the washing of the word every day, only it can make us _____! **Jn. 17:17; Rom. 10:17; Eph. 2:25-27; Titus 3:5**

Humbling Fact #2 – Jesus works with _____ (v. 6-11)

- First, Peter questions Jesus, and then in his excitement, he shows his over emotional side by saying " _____!" Then he says not just that, give me more Lord! That is just like us! That is our sinful nature out of balance! We often experience challenges and decisions, mountain tops and valleys in our walk with God. At this time in his spiritual growth, Peter is over emotional, needs balance and needs to finish being _____. **Mat. 26:41; Mk. 14:47; Lk. 22:32; 2 Pet. 3:18**
- Our feet take us places we should go but also places we should not go. When we make choices, our feet are the ones that take us there. **Song. 7:1; Is. 52:7; Rom. 10:15**

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- When God destroys, he does it to the smallest detail and particle, and when he saves and makes new, _____ is made new! *Whit* – Smallest particle imaginable, jot/jod. **Deut. 13:16; 1 Sam. 3:18; Jn. 7:23; 13:10; 2 Cor. 5:17; 11:4-6**
- Jesus makes us clean by the word and by believing he is who he says he is. Jesus says we can be completely clean and come before him when our heart and mind is right. The communion table was the preparation for the hard message of his death, and a daily challenge for us to always _____ our lives. **Ps. 26:3; 1 Cor. 11:28; 2 Cor. 13:5**
- *Unclean* is not just a physical expression, but also _____. Spiritual uncleanness is always associated with pain, torment, suffering, and a lack of peace and joy. **Lev. 10:10; 2 Chron. 30:17; Ps. 23:3-5; Mk. 1:23-26; Lk. 8:26-37; Rev. 18:2**
- Jesus came to save lost sinners by showing love with his words and actions. He knew Judas had been deceived by the devil, he knew Judas would betray him, but yet he washed the feet of even his _____ to glorify the Father. **Prov. 25:22; Rom. 12:10-21; 2 Cor. 10:6**

Humbling Fact #3 – Jesus was the perfect _____ (v. 13-17)

- Jesus connects his lordship to him being their Master. As believers, our words should match our actions, and our new life should speak and look different than our _____ life. Jesus died to make us free from sin, he is the Lord and Master of our life! **Is. 29:3; Mat. 15:8; Mk. 7:6; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; Js. 1:22**
- Jesus shows the disciples that serving is not based on a geography, title, position or economic status. We are all saved to serve and follow his perfect _____. **Phil. 2:1-8**
- When we believe the words of Jesus, follow his example, and do what he did with a right heart attitude, we can be biblically _____. *Happy* - Blessed; fortunate; successful; harmonious living; enjoying the pleasures and joy of close relationships. Unbiblical happiness is based entirely on emotions, feelings, circumstances, and only the moment. Those things change, but biblical happiness is knowing we have Jesus, he has us and he never changes! **1 Kings 10:8; Job 5:17; Ps. 127:5; 128:2; 144:15; Prov. 3:13; 28:18; Rom. 14:22; 1 Pet. 3:14; 4:14**
- Finding happiness in sacrificially serving Jesus is one of the most rewarding spiritual things we can do. True biblical ministry and sacrificial service involve people and sometimes you may not like the outward results. But the true result of sacrificial service reminds us of the response of Jesus we want to hear when we see him face to face one day, "Well done thou good and faithful _____." **Mat. 25:21, 23; Mk. 10:43-45**