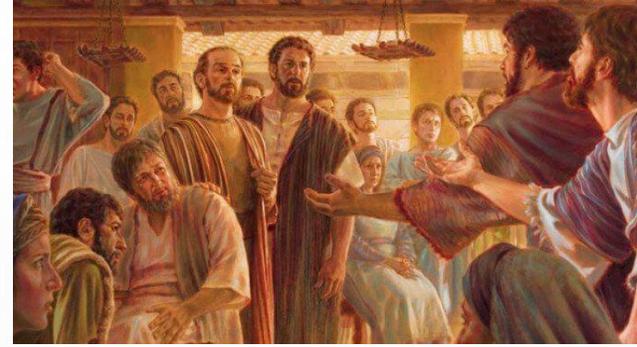


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JESUS THE MASTER SERVANT

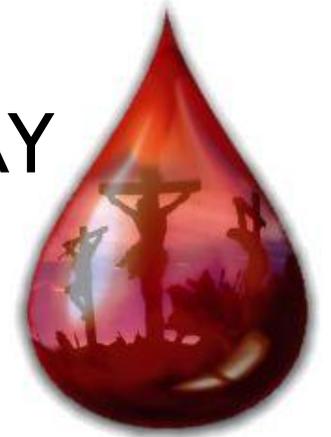
JOHN CHAPTER 13:1-17

WHO IS THE GREATEST?



- There was an underlying contest among the disciples concerning who is the **greatest** among them (Luke 9:46; 22:24).
- Washing feet was a task only reserved for **slaves** or servants. (No servant there, oops) Nevertheless, they could not recline and eat until their feet were washed...a dilemma.
- They were all waiting to see who was the **lowest** among them (ill: totem poll) therefore nobody moved, until...Jesus.
- Why would Jesus do that? And what can we learn from this example?

WE NEED JESUS TO WASH OUR SINS AWAY



- There are two lessons that Jesus was trying to get across through this example:
- (v.8-10) First, although we need Jesus to wash all our sins away (bathe, 1 John 1:7-10), we also need Jesus to wash our “**spot or wrinkle**” (Eph. 5:26-27) away in order to present us “**holy and blameless**” (Col. 1:22) before God (2 Cor. 7:1; 1 Thes. 5:23).
- Instead let us focus on the second lesson, which is the actual main lesson of this example.

WE ARE CALLED TO BE A SERVANT



- Here Jesus set a clear example of being a **servant** to us (v. 14-15, also see Phil. 2:7).
- Moreover, throughout His ministry Jesus has taught this **principle** to them many times (Mark 9:35; 10:42-45, Matt. 20:25-28).
- (1 Cor. 9:19; 2 Cor. 4:5) Paul sets the same **example** as well.
- (Gal. 5:13-14; Rom. 15:1-2) It is a practical teaching for daily lives.

SERVANT VS. SERVING



- Notice all teachings have the same theme— **taking on the place** as a servant to serve others, not just being **nice**. (i.e. weather)
- The idea that masters should be kind to their servants is common among most civilizations. (i.e. Roman, Chinese, etc.)
- However, there is a huge difference between being nice enough to serve and being a servant.
- It is not that we don't do something nice for others (serving), rather we don't want to become a servant. It is because serving is an act of choice, but servant is a position of **humility**. (i.e. disciples)

Serving

Servant

I choose who I like to serve

I must serve all people

I choose when I like to serve

I must serve in all circumstances

It is a nice thing to do

It is the right thing to do

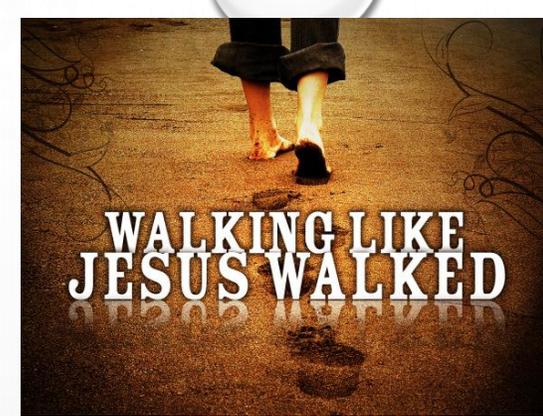
It is often dictated by emotions

It transcends emotions

I can feel good about myself

I am just glad for the opportunity to serve

JESUS IS OUR GUIDE



- Note: **Choosing** to be a servant does not change Christ's **position** as the master. Neither will that happen to you when you choose to serve (Mark 10:42-45). (i.e. boss)
- (v.15) Finally let us focus on the standard of being a servant—Jesus Christ.
- (Rom. 5:8; John 15:12-13) Jesus **loves** you enough to lay down His life for you, how is your love in serving the people around you?