

# Become a Servant (John 13:1-17)

## Bondservant – Part 7

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*Galatians 5:13 (NIV) You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.*

*Mark 9:35 (NIV) Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all."*

*John 13:1-2a (NIV) It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love.*

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ who you are in Christ

#### 1A. Know where your \_\_\_\_\_ comes from

*John 13:3a (NIV) Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, ...*

#### 1B. Know where your \_\_\_\_\_ lies

*John 13:3b (NIV) ... and that he had come from God and was returning to God;*

#### 1C. \_\_\_\_\_ others in that knowledge

*John 13:4-5 (NIV) so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.*

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus to serve you

*John 13:6-7 (NIV) He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."*

#### 2A. Don't think you don't \_\_\_\_\_ Him

*John 13:8-9 (NIV) "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"*

#### 2B. Accept Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ daily

*John 13:10 (NIV) Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you."*

### 3. Follow Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ of service

*John 13:12-13 (NIV) When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am.*

#### 3A. Serve the \_\_\_\_\_ of those you lead

*John 13:14-15 (NIV) Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.*

#### 3B. Serve the needs of \_\_\_\_\_ you meet

*John 13:16-17 (NIV) I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.*

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Intro. How is indulging the sinful nature the opposite of serving one another in love (Galatians 5:13)?

In what ways is the kingdom of God the inverse of worldly kingdoms (Mark 9:35)?

Why would Jesus washing His disciples' feet show them the full extent of His love (John 13:1-2a)?

Why is serving others often difficult?

1A. Why does John tell us that Jesus knew He had all power before He washed the disciples' feet (John 13:3a)?

1B. In what ways does knowing our destiny help us in serving others (John 13:3b)?

1C. How do you think the disciples felt when Jesus began washing their feet (John 13:4-5)?

1D. What attitudes can prevent us from serving others as Jesus did?

2A. What was it that Peter did not understand about Jesus washing his feet (John 13:6-7)?

2B. Why did Peter object so strongly against Jesus washing his feet (John 13:8-9)? What changed his mind?

2C. How does Jesus' explanation of foot washing relate to forgiveness at salvation and on a daily basis (John 13:10)?

2D. Why do we need to be cleansed by Jesus in order to serve others?

3A. Why was it important for the disciples to understand that their Teacher and Lord had just washed their feet (John 13:12-13)?

3B. How is Jesus' example a symbolic action of serving the needs of others (John 13:14-15)?

3C. Why do most churches not place foot washing as a third ordinance, alongside communion and baptism?

3D. What must we do to take advantage of Jesus' promise in His teaching (John 13:16-17)?

3E. What are some ways that you can serve others in your family, church and world?