

LIFE NOTES

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Series: The

“Serve Like Me”

THE STORY OF FRESH FEET

John 13:1-17 “¹ Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that His hour had come to leave this world and return to His Father. He had loved His disciples during His ministry on earth, and now He loved them to the very end.” ² “It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.” ³ Jesus knew that the Father had given Him authority over everything and that He had come from God and would return to God.” ⁴ So He got up from the table, took off His robe, wrapped a towel around His waist, ⁵ and poured water into a basin. Then He began to wash the disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel He had around Him. ⁶ When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to Him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” ⁷ Jesus replied, “You don’t understand now what I am doing, but someday you will.” ⁸ “No,” Peter protested, “you will never ever wash my feet.” Jesus replied, “Unless I wash you, you won’t belong to me.” ⁹ Simon Peter exclaimed, “Then wash my hands and head as well, Lord, not just my feet!” ¹⁰ Jesus replied, “A person who has bathed all over does not need to wash, except for the feet, to be entirely clean. And you disciples are clean, but not all of you.” ¹¹ For Jesus knew who would betray Him. That is what He meant when He said, “Not all of you are clean.” ¹² After washing their feet, He put on His robe again and sat down and asked, “Do you understand what I was doing?” ¹³ You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and you are right, because that is what I am. ¹⁴ And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other’s feet. ¹⁵ I have given you an example to follow. **Do as I have done to you.** ¹⁶ I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them.” (NLT)

John 1:27 “Though His ministry follows mine, I’m not even worthy to be His slave and untie the straps of His sandals.”

Luke 22:24-27 “²⁴ Then they began to argue among themselves about who would be the greatest among them. ²⁵ Jesus told them, “In this world the kings and great men lord it over their people, yet they are called ‘friends of the people.’” ²⁶ **But among you it will be different.** Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant. ²⁷ Who is more important, the one who sits at the table or the one who serves? The one who sits at the table, of course. **But not here!** For I am among you as one who serves.” (NLT)

1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.” (NLT)

The Point: Jesus _____ His followers to serve like _____ served.

CHARACTERISTICS OF CHRIST-LIKE SERVICE

John 13:1-17

1. _____

Philippians 2:3-4 “³ Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take interest in others, too.” (NLT)

2. _____

1 Peter 5:5 “... all of you, dress yourself in humility as you relate to one another, for ‘God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.’” (NLT)

1 Peter 5:5 “... all of you must put off the apron of humility, to serve one another, for the Scripture says, ‘God resists the proud, but shows favor to the humble.’” (TEV)

3. Willingness to do _____.

Luke 9:12-13 “¹² Late in the afternoon the twelve disciples came to Him and said, “Send the crowds away to the nearby villages and farms, so they can find food and lodging for the night. There is nothing to eat in this remote place.” ¹³ But Jesus said, “YOU feed them.” (NLT)

4. Serving with _____.

Romans 12:19-21 “¹⁹ Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say: “I will take revenge I will pay them back,” says the Lord. ²⁰ Instead, “If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads.” ²¹ Don’t let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.” (NLT)

5. Motivated by _____.

Galatians 5:13 “For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don’t use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.” (NLT)

BOTTOM LINE

Mark 10:43-45 “⁴³ ... Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many.” (NLT)

Romans 12:10-11 “¹⁰ Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. ¹¹ Never be lazy, but work hard and **serve the Lord enthusiastically.**” (NLT)