

Heart For The House 2023
Week 2- Heart for Freedom

A heart for the house is a heart for freedom.

...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,
Matthew 20:28

The greatest among you shall be your servant.
Matthew 23:11

...use your freedom to serve one another in love.
Galatians 5:13

Jesus Washes Feet- John 13

-Night before the Passover

-Jesus knew this was his last night, so He wanted to show the disciples the full measure of His love for them/ He wanted them to know what love is and what love does

Now Jesus was fully aware that the Father had placed all things under his control, for he had come from God and was about to back to be with him. So he got up from the meal and took off his outer robe, and took a towel and wrapped it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples dirty feet and dry them with his towel.

John 13:3-5

1. A heart for freedom is a secure heart.

-Jesus knew who He was (vs 3)

-He was confident of His place and His inheritance

-Out of the sureness of His heritage, He chose to serve- why?

But when Jesus got to Simon Peter, he objected and said, "I can't let you wash my dirty feet- you're my Lord!"

Jesus replied, "You don't understand yet the meaning of what I'm doing, but soon it will be clear to you."

John 13:6-7

2. A heart for freedom is an extension of the Father's heart.

After washing their feet, he put his robe on and returned to his place at the table. "Do you understand what I just did?" Jesus said. You've called me your teacher and lord, and you're right, for that's who I am. So if I'm your teacher and lord and have just washed your dirty feet, then you should follow the example that I've set for you and was one another's dirty feet. Now do for each other what I have just done for you.

John 13:12-15

-The sandal is often used in covenants of heritage in the Hebrew culture

-Example- Moses in Exodus- God told Him to remove His sandals when he was about to receive his new inheritance of holiness and authority/ Ruth- Boaz redeemed Naomi and brought her into her rightful inheritance with the removal of sandal

-When Jesus removed the sandals of the disciples, it wasn't just an example of service- He was conferring a new identity on them through His new covenant

-He sat down in those chairs as mere humans, in close proximity to the Savior. He removed their sandals, washed their feet, and they stood up as children of God and co-heirs with Jesus Himself.

-Then, Jesus tells them to go and do the SAME THING- that's what serving is! (Do for others JUST WHAT I HAVE DONE FOR YOU!)

-Serving isn't just helping. Serving is bringing people to the feet of Jesus so they can have their feet washed, their sandal removed and enter into a new inheritance

-When we serve we are a bridge to the Father's heart

3. A heart for freedom is a blessed heart.

So now put into practice what I have done for you, and you will experience a life of happiness enriched with untold blessings!"

John 13:18

-the BEST life is the serve life

-the joy of conferring the inheritance of Heaven onto others cannot be matched

-if we want a great life, if we want true happiness, we have to follow Jesus' example and wash feet

Generation after generation stands in awe of your mighty work. Each one tells stories of your mighty acts. Your beauty and your splendor have everyone talking. I compose songs on your wonders. Your marvelous doings are headline news. I could write a book full of the details of your greatness. The fame of your goodness spreads across the country. Your righteousness is on everyone's lips.

Psalm 145:4-7 MSG

-Bring up Bobbie, Emma & Kingston

-Our service is our song.

-What song are you singing to the next generation?

-We've all been given a song- what will you do with the song that's been entrusted to you?

RESPONSE:

Find your security in your identity in Christ.

Submit your heart to the Lord/ ask Him to give you the desire to serve

Join a Dream Team