

DEVOTED

A community living wholeheartedly for Jesus

Series Description

Devoted - what a beautiful word! It speaks of a wholeheartedness, a giving of all of one's love, loyalty and energy to a person or activity, and it's a word used often to describe the lives of those first Jesus-followers in the Bible. Our plan is not only to explore devotion to prayer, to worship, to Jesus, to one another, but to actively shape our life together to make a difference!

Recommended Reading

Crazy Love
Francis Chan

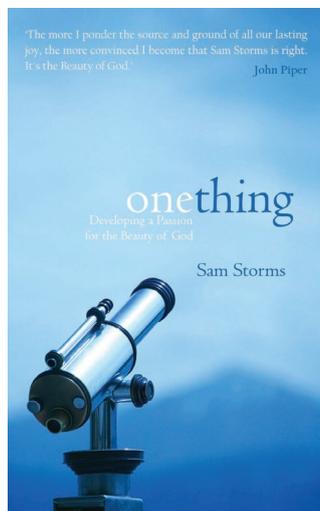
One Thing
Sam Storms

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Title: Devoted to Serving

Speaker: Toby Skipper

Bible reference: John 13:1-17

Overview

V1-3 Jesus knew the **purpose** for which he had come into the world and he knew his position in the world. He was surrounded by those who were more status-hearted than servant hearted (*Matthew 20:20-28*); what would Jesus do?

V4-5 Knowing this Jesus took the lowest position in the room, and did what no one else wanted to do. The one of the highest status (*John 1:1-14*) stooped to serve – pointing to his death on the cross. Commenting on *Philippians 2:5-11* Peter Lewis writes; “*Christ used his advantage for us, not himself; to save us from our trouble, not keep himself out of trouble.*”

V6-8 Peter needs to understand that allowing Jesus to wash us clean (serve us) is the entrance and foundation of our relationship with him. We are saved by His work for us (*Eph 2:4-9*); it's all of grace. We humble ourselves and allow Jesus to serve us (*Mat 20:28*). In this act of service Jesus displays what power should be used for; the service of others. Fleming Rutledge says “*True power is best seen in a life willingly offered as a sacrifice for the sake of others.*”

V12-17 Jesus now asks a poignant question “*Do you understand what I've done for you?*” It's worth spending time reflecting on this question; because it is out of what Jesus has done for us that we are changed to be like him and we go into the world, in his image, serving others.

Response (SOUL)

Run through the following sections. Use smaller groups at any time if helpful.

S = Scripture - Read it, what does it say?

O = Observe - What do you see, context, details, surprises etc?

U = Understand - What truth does God want you to learn?

L = Live - What would it look like to apply this to your life?

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