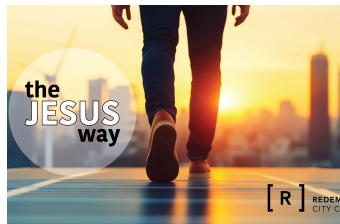




THE JESUS WAY

"The Way of Love."
John 13:1-15;
John 12:35



"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 12:34-35

STICKY STATEMENT: WHEN YOU LIVE LIKE JESUS, YOU'LL LOVE LIKE JESUS.

Jesus NEVER called us to innovate ... he simply called us to imitate!

John 14:6 "I am the way... the truth and the life..."

THE JESUS _____ + THE JESUS _____ = THE JESUS LIFE.

"It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ 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.... ¹² 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. ¹³ "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you." John 13:1-15

THE WAY OF LOVE: THERE ARE 3 MARKS OF LOVING LIKE JESUS:

1. A LOVE THAT _____ ALL IN. (V1-2)

Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end." v1

If we're going to walk in the way of Jesus ... we must walk in the way of LOVE! When was the last time you startled someone with Jesus' LOVE?

FIRST. (V3-5)

⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ 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." v4-5.

You are NEVER more like Jesus than when you give yourself away.

That's the WAY OF JESUS is the WAY OF LOVE. Pray this week and ask God to let you SEE what he SEES so you can LOVE like He LOVES!

3. A LOVE THAT _____ REPRODUCED IN OTHERS. (V12-15)

¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place." v12

"The greatest is the one who will be your servant ... Then he said "I did not come to be served by others, but I came to serve you, to lay down my life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:43, 45

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The way you follow Jesus will become the way others follow Jesus.

DO THE WORD: ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you." John 13:15

The JESUS WAY: This week I will seek to walk in the WAY OF LOVE by having a LOVE that: GOES ALL IN... GIVES FIRST... GET'S REPRODUCED IN OTHERS. (pick ONE)

- Take few moments and share with a few people around you who in your life needs to be LOVED LIKE JESUS? Who in your life right now needs to be startled by the love of Jesus.
- Who is a difficult person to love in your life right now?
- Among your family, friends, coworkers, and acquaintances could benefit from: His patience through you? His forgiveness through you (no matter what their sin)? His acceptance through you (even before they change)? His kindness & support through you (even if they have not asked)?