



BETWEEN SUNDAYS SERIES
WHAT WE DO WHEN WE'RE NOT HERE
AT YOUR SERVICE – 03
John 13:1-17

INTRODUCTION: A RADICAL COMMAND

A LIFE OF SERVICE

1. YOU SERVE BECAUSE YOU LOVE. – v. 1

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

*Greater love has no one than this,
that someone lay down his life for his friends. (John 15:13)*

The bigger the 'why' the easier the 'how.'

Love is the 'why' behind our service: I serve you because I love you.
"serve one another in love." (Galatians 5:13)

*Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions
and in truth. (1 John 3:18)*

2. YOU SERVE BECAUSE IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO. – v. 7

*“You do not realize now what I am doing,
but later you will understand.”*

*But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what
your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then
your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.
(Matthew 6:3-4)*

3. YOU SERVE BECAUSE IT GIVES YOUR MEANING. – v. 17

Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

***“The only ones among you who will be really happy are those
who have sought and found how to serve.”***

*“Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,
and whoever wants to be first must be your slave.
(Matthew 20:26-27)*

CONCLUSION

*¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also
ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example,
that you also should do just as I have done to you*

**In the lives that we live between Sundays, may we seek to serve
our Lord and Savior by serving one another.**