

**Fellowship Dallas**  
**'An Outpouring of Love'**  
**Mother's Day - Sun 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Intro:** Good morning & Happy Mother's Day – Mothers, Grandmothers, Great Grandmothers, Spiritual Mothers (Titus 2)

**We just want to thank you & it's been my prayer:**

- (1) You would experience an outpouring of love today – from your children, church & Christ
- (2) As you experience this an outpouring you might resolve to never quit in pouring out love to those entrusted to your care

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**Image:** Speaking of an outpouring ... I want to show you a clip of a waterfall – **\*\*[Ask Media Team to Play Video Throughout Sermon]\*\***

Tony Evans E.g. – Niagara Falls – see from distance, hear from distance, or go on a journey on the lady of the mist to the place where you not only see or hear but stand underneath & are soaked by it!

Sermon Planning Team at NBC – Dave = “That’s it! The love of Jesus is like a stunning over-flowing, never ceasing waterfall!”

Language we used at NBC – you can either see his love from a distance, hear of it & stay distant, or let the Spirit lead you on a journey day by day where you stand at the foot of his waterfall & are soaked by it as you let his love wash over you!

**The love of Jesus is like a stunning, over-flowing, never ceasing waterfall & he wants to pour it out on you today!**

**Need:** Why would you need to hear that today?

- (a) Maybe you feel very appreciated this day, but throughout the year at times you feel underappreciated
- (b) Perhaps you are tired, emotionally exhausted, on verge of maternal burnout – Barna = 1/3 Mothers Feel Overwhelmed
- (c) Maybe you have begun to compare your kids, home, parenting to another mother, family, home
- (d) Perhaps you have had a difficult year as a parent – moody teenager, estranged son or daughter, child walked away
- (e) Maybe today has stirred up all kinds of emotions – joy, or sorrow – you would love to be a mother, you didn’t have a great relationship with your own mother – she didn’t turn out to be the mother you longed for or needed

**Subject:** **If that’s you ... I’ve been praying:** (1) You would experience an outpouring of love this day from Jesus;  
(2) As you experience this, you’d never quit pouring out love on those entrusted to your care

**Text:** There’s no more beautiful passage to demonstrate Christ’s outpouring of love than John 13

**Preview:** Watch out for all the ways Jesus pours out love; think of the theological significance, finish with how this applies to our lives today

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**Read John 13:1–5:** 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**.<sup>2</sup> The evening meal was in progress, and the **devil** had already prompted **Judas**, the son of Simon Iscariot, to **betray** Jesus.<sup>3</sup> Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had **come from God** and was **returning to God**;<sup>4</sup> so he **got up** from the meal, **took off his outer clothing**, and **wrapped a towel** around his waist.<sup>5</sup> After that, he **poured water** into a basin & began to **wash his disciples’ feet**, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

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**(1) Jesus Pours Out Stunning Love [Like An Over-Flowing, Never Ceasing Waterfall] As He Washes His Disciples’ Feet**

- (a) Jesus is Desperate to Love His Children Right to the End (1-3)
  - Passover Week, on the Eve of Christ’s Crucifixion (v1a) – The Storm Clouds Are Gathering
  - The Hour Is Approaching Fast, Satan is Active, Judas is Preparing to Betray (v1b & 2) – The Clock is Ticking
  - Jesus is On A Mission (v3)
  - He’s Desperate to Love His Children Right to the End (v1c)
    - o Love = Agape. Not Phileo (Friendship), Eros (Intimate), Storge (Family), But Agape = Selfless Covenantal Love
    - o His Own = He’s poured out his love on the world (John 3:16), Now He Wants to Pour Out His Love on His Own
    - o To the End = Greek Word For Uttermost or To the End – This Overarches 13 – 21 – Right to the End
- (b) Jesus Steps Up To Serve, Lays Aside His Rights & Privileges & Embraces A Posture of Service (4)
  - “He got up from the meal” (v4a) – Jesus step up to serve when no one else does
  - “took off his outer clothing” (v4b) – Sets Aside his Rabbi’s Robe
  - “wraps a towel around his waist” (v4c) – Embraces Dress code & Posture of Service – like a common slave, stoops & serves
- (c) Jesus Pours Out Love Upon His Children With Stunning Sacrificial Servanthood (5)
  - Even When the Task Is Unlovely – “He began to wash his disciple’s feet” (v5a) – I hate smelly feet! – Dirty / Disgusting / In need of Deep Cleaning Feet
  - Even When the Recipients Are Seemingly Unlovable – “his disciple’s feet” (v5a) – Self-Centered / About to Deny / In Presence of Betrayer – Judas, Come Here, Let Me Pour Out Love Upon You too
  - Let me return to Agape Love – E.g. El – Grandfather’s Love – I’m convinced if you were there that night ... agape love on you!

## **(2) Jesus Pours Out Stunning Love [Like An Over-Flowing, Never Ceasing Waterfall] As He Dies On a Cross to Forgive Us of Our Sins**

Read John 13:6–11: <sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” <sup>7</sup> Jesus replied, “**You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.**” <sup>8</sup> “No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “**Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.**” <sup>9</sup> “Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!” <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered, “**Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean.** And you are clean, though not every one of you.” <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

- (a) Peter Declares It is Highly Inappropriate for Jesus His Rabbi to Wash His Feet & So He Objects (6, 8)
- (b) Jesus Declares Peter Doesn't Fully Realize What He is Doing (7):
  - Doing Something Now – Pouring Out Water On Dirty, Disgusting, In Need of Deep Cleansing Feet As A Sign of Stunning Sacrificial Love For His Children
  - Will Do Something Later – Pour Out His Life To Cleanse Dirty, Disgusting, In Need of Deep Cleansing Sinners As a Sign of Stunning Sacrificial Love For the World
- (c) Jesus Pouring Out Water is a Picture of What He will Do on the Cross as He Pours Out His Life
- (d) On That Day It Will be Like Those Sinners Have Had a Bath From Head to Toe (10)
- (e) And So He Goes – Whipped, Beaten, Forced to Carry, Nails, Hoisted, Jolted, Left to Die – WHY? Because in that Moment Jesus is Desperate to Pour Out Stunning Love, Like an Over-Flowing, Never Ceasing Waterfall, Upon the World to Forgive Us Of Our Sins

## **(3) Jesus Provides Us With a Model to Follow Whereby We Pour Out Stunning Love On One Another & Those Entrusted to Our Care**

Read John 13:12–17: <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, **you also should wash one another’s feet.** <sup>15</sup> **I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.** <sup>16</sup> Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup> Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

- (a) “Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet” (14)
- (b) Later he adds, “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another” (34-35)
- (c) Even if you feel underappreciated / Tired, Burnout / Comparing / Difficult or Discouraging year / Emotions stirred up today ...
  - Love those God has entrusted to your care with an Agape Love
  - Step up to serve
  - Lay Aside your Rights & Privileges
  - Embrace a posture of servanthood
  - Pour out Love upon your children ... Even when the Task is unlovely, or the Recipients appear unlovable
  - For you will never be more like Christ!
  - E.g. Carrie “I learned more about servanthood during that year than 4 years at DTS” ... “And you’ve never been more like Jesus than during this year”

### **Final Challenge / HP:**

**Come Stand at the Foot of the Waterfall & Receive An Outpouring of Love Upon You This Day  
Then Go Pour Out Love Upon Those Whom God has Entrusted to Your Care**