



JOHN: JESUS, THE SERVANT

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Good afternoon. Today we'll be reading John 13 verses one through 17.

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 are in the world. He loved them to the end, during supper. When the devil had already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot Simon's son to betray him, Jesus knowing the father had given all things into his hands and had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments and taking a towel, tied around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, Lord, do you wash my feet? Jesus answered him. What I am doing. You do not understand now, but afterwards you will understand. Peter said to him, you shall never wash my feet. Jesus answered him. If I do not wash you, you have no share with me. Simon. Peter said to him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head, Jesus said to him, the one who is bathed does not need to wash except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you for you who was, uh, for he knew who was to betray him. And that is why he said not all of you are clean when he washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place.

He said to them, You-do you understand what I have done to you? You call me teacher and Lord and you are right for, so I am. If then your Lord and teacher have washed your feet. You also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example that you should do just as I have done to you truly, truly I say to you, a servant is not greater than a master nor a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know, do these things, blessed are you if you do them, this is the word of the Lord. You may be seated.

Great job, McKenna. I'm back. My name's Eddie. If you're new, how's it going? Lead teaching pastor here. Hey, do we need a seventh inning stretch? Do we need a break? This is an hour and 45 minute sermon. So it's gonna be a long time here to settle in. I mean, you need a water break go. Now. I was just kidding. I'm just kidding. I'm just kidding. Hey, we are in our series in John and we are about halfway through going all the way through chapter 15 for this iteration of it. Uh, we've been taking the last we took in the last six weeks and we're gonna do another six weeks leading up to Easter talking about this book. So if you've got a Bible and you do have John chapter 13 open, great. If you don't get it open an app, that's fine too. I'll pray over us. And we will get to the reason why we are all here. Let's do it.

Well, Lord Jesus. We do pray for your provision. As we talk about what it means to be your servant, That word, just conjures of so much Lord. Some people feel queasy. Some people feel Valiant. Some people feel dutiful. Some people feel needy. Lord Jesus. I pray for provision and protection over this service, Lord God, this is truly a monumental Sunday in Doxa's history. And we need you. We need your spirit to move this forward. Not just the onward campaign, but our hearts, many of our hearts are far from you Lord. And so we need you. Would you serve us one more time in this and give us example as, so we can serve others in his name? Amen.

Okay. So let me set the stage for where we're going. Okay. In this, in this text, especially at this point in the book of John. So we've gone through chapter 12 and it took us about five or six weeks to do so it took a while to do that. And at the end of chapter 12, we see the end of Jesus' public ministry through the book of John. He is done teaching publicly. Okay. So chapter 13, where we are today begins what we'll call essentially the farewell discourse. Some people will call it the upper room discourse. Essentially. It's a series. It's a series of passionate and private teachings of Jesus to his disciples. Okay. So we're kind of getting sort of behind the, behind the, the curtain peak. Exactly. What's going on here now what's interesting about this passage and about the next few chapters is that chapters 13 through 17 all occur within one 24-hour period.

So we're literally going to get 24 hours of Jesus teaching over the next several weeks. And by the end of the day, Jesus, will be crucified, Jesus will be crucified. And this is a big deal. Cuz God being God, Jesus being, God, he knows that his time is coming to an end. So he's got 24 hours. He could do anything he wanted in the world, right? Being the son of God. He can do whatever he wants, whatever he wanted to do. I've got a list of things I wanted to do. You know, if you knew you had 24 hours to live and you had 24 hours to spend your time, how would you spend that time?

Would you go visit family? Probably right. Would you maybe enjoy a nice meal? Go to a sunset, a beach. Go to, I mean, if you're in Seattle, you just go outside in the rain, feel the rain on your face. One more time. What would you go do? How would you spend your time with family, friends eating a good meal? I don't know what it might be. Jesus is thinking these thoughts. I think we'd all say we'd probably do all the above. If we could, we'd spend some time with our

family. We'd go outside. We'd cry. We'd see people. I think we'd say a lot, but here's what Jesus says he would do. Jesus says I'm gonna serve some people I don't know about you, but that wasn't my first thought. My first thought wasn't, you know, what, how, who can I serve in the last 24 hours of my life? Who can I pour into to help grow before I'm gone for 24 hours and not just serve people, but serve these specific people. And these specific people are about to betray or desert him. And he being, God knows that. So Jesus is gonna spend his last 24 hours serving people that are going to desert and betray him. And he's not gonna just serve them like them cookies or something. He is going to wash their feet.

And there's a long list of things I got on my 24 hour, last 24 hour list. Okay. I don't know about you washing feet. Not on the list. Not even my best of friends, right? Like no, not washing feet. Not going to participate in the, that Jesus does. And does serves him in that way. Now I don't know about you and what you think about the word serve, cuz that's what Jesus about to do. Maybe it conjures up in you. Feelings of obligation, maybe feelings of stress, maybe feelings of charity, good feelings like, oh man, like charity that's good. I wanna serve. Or maybe it thinks to something practical like a docs to serve team. And you think in other words serve, or maybe you think of a waitress or a waiter. I don't know what you think of this idea of service though has morphed over the years in our culture, it really has, you know, service can really feel strange to receive because it often feels like we're supposed to be serving someone higher than us.

And really that's how it's worked all throughout history. By the way, Kings have always been served by their court. Emperors were served by their subordinates. That's how it's always worked. All throughout history. Parents were served by their children, bosses in more modern times were served by those whom they employed. But today, I don't know, culture of service feels a little different. Maybe you felt that like you're like, ah, today. I don't know if it feels like that. It kind of feels like the opposite today. Doesn't it, it kind of feels like the higher ups are sort of obligated to serve those that are less than them. Does it feel like that, like your boss has to sort of walk around eggshells? Oh man, I gotta make sure that everyone feels comfortable sometimes it's for good reasons. Other times it's because they don't wanna get canceled.

Okay. They don't wanna end up on the news. They don't wanna end up saying the wrong thing. Right? But there's this expectation that those that are higher up should actually serve should actually serve those lower than we see that with our government. Right? We believe that those are higher ups should serve. We have expectations on our, on our athletes and our movie stars and our politicians and public figures to do good works in the community to serve it's different. It's very different. It's new. And it's unique that we'd all feel this way. You know, it's never been the case like in all throughout history, never. It's very recent that that a higher, higher up person in would serve a lower it's incredibly recent, never in history has a person as a high stature served in society to a lower well that's of course, until Jesus. You see Jesus was the first person who set an example for a higher person, serving the lower, see Jesus, we believe is God himself. He comes down into human history and serves people. It's funny though, because our world sort of models that now the higher serve the lower and our world generally does reject the message of Jesus. Maybe some of you here and that's okay, but in a world that generally rejects Jesus has unknowingly stolen his ethic. The ethic of service, the ethic that at the higher would serve the lower

Modern works of philanthropy. All have their, many of them have their roots in the ways and teachings of Jesus. It's crazy. So today we're gonna unpack this service. We gotta know about it.

We gotta know about what, what makes this important and why we're all sort of borrowing from it unknowingly. And we're gonna learn about his for doing so. Like why is he motivated to serve he's God, what his posture was and what can we learn from his servanthood? What can we learn? So first let's examine his motivation. Let's go to the text. Let's take a verse one in chapter 13, shall we Says this Now before the feast of, 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. He loved them to the end. So we see here that his time has come to die. He knows in his mind that he's about to die. And so what does he decide to do? I love this phrase. It says he loved them till the very end. He loved them to the very end. See Jesus' motivation for service is love.

And we've all heard this word love before Jesus is getting ready to serve as disciples and his primary motivation is that I love them now, by the way, this word love is an action word. Okay? This is an action. The word used here in, in its language is not an emotion. It is a command to do so. So if Jesus didn't just feel love, he did love, he acted out on his love. That's what he does. And the trouble with our modern understandings of love is that it's too passive. You see, when you just sort of comes upon you when someone does good things around you and it leaves you when they do things you don't like, that's our modern understanding of love. Oh, they're so great to me. I love them. They make me happy. They make me joyful. I feeling feelings of love. Oh, they're no longer doing said things. I no longer love them. That's how we see love. But this is a modern Western love. You know what I mean by that? This is United States love. This is 2022 love.

It's very different. This love in the modern west is a feeling that's contingent on behavior. By the way, that's called a contract. That's called a contract. A contract is far different than what we're talking about here. It is absolutely different. It says, if you agree to treat someone a specific way and in exchange, you give them the emotion of love. So you agree to treat me right? I will give my love. This gives us sort of permission to end said relationship with close friends and family, or even spouses and children. If they do not hold up their end of the contract, right? That's a con that is called a contract. Jesus operates on a covenant system, not a contract system. A covenant system is way different. A contract says if you remain lovely, I'll love you. A co a covenant says, I will love you. Even if you're unlovable. That is such a different message.

Not only that Jesus doesn't just love us because we're lovely, huh, that's far from the case actually far from the case, Jesus, doesn't just love us because we're lovely. He loves us until we're lovely. He loves us until we're lovely. This is why Jesus is able to serve his friends. Right? I was always asking this question, how was he able to do this? We love them at a deep level. His love is not contingent on behavior. Some of these people are gonna desert and betray him because he's a covenant God. He says, I am your God. And you will be my people God's posture, towards his people is a cup forged in royalty, but overflowing with love. Let me just say this. Jesus. If you're here, I believe Jesus loves you. I think Jesus Christ came down in a human history to wear human clothes, human skin, and to live a perfect life and to die specifically for you.

I believe that's true. He came for you. And in this moment, we're gonna talk about really soon about Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. And as he's serving his disciples, the visions and the minds and the names of the people throughout history, he is going to redeem in a mere 24 hours on the cross are going through his mind and your name and your face was going through his mind. That's what all of the scripture teaches us. God so gave his only begotten son so that if

whoever would believe in him would have eternal life. He believes that he loves us 24 hours away from execution. He saw you, he loves you. And he didn't just feel, love you for you. Okay? Maybe that's what you hear. He loves you to the very end and you know how he did it. He shed his blood.

He was willing to die for you. He was willing to die for you. Now you may be thinking now that's great. Ed, Eddie guy. I've never met pastor, but it's easy really to, it's not easy to overlook how I've been treated, you know, by family and friends, it's hard to serve people. And on top of that, you've got a busy, full life. I mean, how could I possibly love and serve people? I mean, that's difficult. Well, let's examine the way let's examine Jesus' posture in this service. I think this will be helpful for us. Okay. What was his demeanor when serving verse three, Jesus said, or John says the author, Jesus, knowing that the father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from his supper. And he laid aside his outer garments and taking a towel. He tied it around his waist and he poured water into a basin and began washing to wash the feet, his disciples feet, and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. Now, nobody does this today. Okay. So if you wanna be like really overzealous in your service, don't invite a bunch of people over and then start taking your clothes off, tie yourself with a towel and start taking people's shoes off. Don't it's not gonna translate. Okay. It's well, meaning it's not gonna translate. Okay. Don't do that. Jesus. It was very common in his day though. Okay. So it was common for guests to have their feet washed when entering spaces for a meal, because it was gross. But usually this task was handled by a servant

Or themselves why you might ask, but because it was truly deeply a disgusting task to do it back then, it was not great. Now it was truly a disgusting task then in a world without showers Or air conditioning or even socks or shoes, Foot washing was genuinely a sort of gross thing to do. It was a role reserved for these hired servants because of the dust, because of the mud, because of the hay, the grass, and because of the animal feces that would be laying across the paths. This is what it was like. People had to sort of scrape the crud off of people's feet. When they ate.

Now, I don't know who could do this. You can obviously hear my language, but only a man concerned with his place in the world could do that. I just feel like I couldn't go there because I'm not Jesus. Well, Jesus posture in this is humility. That's his posture. He's humble. He's humble. Humility for us is essentially acknowledgement that we're not God, we don't have it all figured out. You ever made a mistake. Anything you ever made a really big mistake like, oh man, I messed up a lot. People don't like me anymore. Like that happens all the time. Okay. We all make those mistakes, right? We all sin willingly. We do things against God's will actively. So Jesus here is essentially looking at he's getting on his knees and he's being humble. And truth is when we're not humble, we're not adequately comparing ourselves to who God is. That's what humility is. So we need to assess our sinfulness against God's goodness. In order to be humble, Proverbs says, humility is the fear of the Lord. It must be fearful. And in a reverent manner from God. So when we acknowledge that we sin and that we fail, we're no longer greater than our neighbor. And we can then serve them in a way, but you might be thinking, well then how could Jesus be humble? Because isn't Jesus, God.

If, if, if humility is comparing yourself to God, I feel like it's pretty evil, right? It means that God, the father, he's the second member of the Trinity. God none the less. Well, there's a verse for that. A beautiful text in Philippians chapter two, verse five. Let's read that. Apostle Paul says this, having this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ. Jesus, who though he was in

the form of God. That's talking about Jesus did not count equality with God, a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men and being found in human form. He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

So Jesus here humbles himself by emptying himself. Okay? But contrary to many modern interpretations, Jesus did not empty himself of his divinity. Okay? If you go to a well known Bible school across lake Washington and Seattle, you'll be taught that Jesus cried, empties out his divinity and becomes fully human in that moment. And that's why he is able to be humble. It's not true. In fact, if you were to go there, you would hear many things that are not true about scripture. You have to be very careful. Paul says, watch your doctrine in your life closely. There's many schools that masquerade wearing Christian stickers on them that will unknowingly teach you things that are not contrary or that are not in alignment with the scripture that are contrary scripture. A great couple friend of ours friend gets really motivated, wants to go to go learn about Jesus and go to this great school. Goes over to one of the schools over there two years, two years later, graduates with a great degree, no longer Christian He's discovered that it's all part of his evolving understanding of the world. We believe that the scripture is the foundation, not our own human intellect. You have to be very careful where you get your information. And Paul says, test all things by the scripture. So scripture says that Jesus, doesn't empty himself by losing his divinity. It's not how he does it. So how does he empty himself?

He empties himself, not by subtraction, but by addition, Jesus adds to his godhood humanity. And then he can humble himself. You might think, well, how do you do that? Well, think about you wanna lose heat in your coffee? Well, put ice in it, right? Subtraction by addition, you add ice removes the heat. Jesus adds humanity. He's able to humble himself. That's what happens. Jesus then understands and feels like, knows what it's like to experience human limitations. What it's like to be tempted. Scripture says he was tempted in every way as we are without sin. Of course, get sick, pull a hamstring. Okay. I'll pull a calf humanity.

So it's because of humility. Jesus could get on his knees and scrub the feet of his disciples. Okay. There has never been a more humble human to ever walk the earth. Because unlike us, when we bend down to wash someone's feet, we go from standing to kneeling or sitting. But when Jesus comes to wash feet, he goes from heaven to earth. It's a far greater distance cuz he's our God. So we know that his posture is humility and his motivation, is love. This is important. But what was his environment like? Like what were like, what was the people? What was the time like around him? How did people interact with Jesus in his service? It's important to answer the question. Verse six. It says he came to Simon, Peter, one of his good buddies, right? Who said to him, Lord, do you wash my feet? And Jesus answered him. What am I do What I am doing to you you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand. Peter said that to him. You shall never wash my feet. He's not getting it right. Jesus answered to him. If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.

No one gives any trouble to Jesus washing feet until he comes to Peter. This is sort of Peter's role in the Bible. He get, he, I don't know how many disciples he got through. He probably even got through Judas. Okay. And he gets to Peter and Peter's I wanna hold on Jesus. He's got all the answers and Jesus tells him something far more is at play. It's not just about me washing your feet. He says, if I do not wash, you you'll have no share with me. He's trying to get to something bigger. You see, God is a God of symbolism and a God of meaning and that's lost on us

Westerners. Right? Our--us modern Westerners. Because we believe that what we can see and not much else, right? We can, okay, this is real. That microphone that's real. That screen chairs you all. But I don't know if there's anything else going on and who really knows, right?

That's our perspective, right? But our God is a God symbolism. He sees far more. He's trying to tell us something underneath this Jesus is using the foot washing, not just as an act of service, but as a symbol of a far greater act that he's gonna perform. But before Jesus can even explain, Peter has to talk again. What is Peter say in verse nine? Simon Peter said to him, Lord, well then not only my feet, but also my hands and my head. And Jesus said to him, that's disgusting. I, sorry, that's the Eddie translation. It, it says the one who has bathed does not need to wash except for his feet, but is completely clean. So now Peter wants Jesus to give him a bath from, head to toe. And he is like, okay, you are swinging the pendulum. Like you're going from one don't wash anything to gimme a full sponge bath.

It's just a lot for Jesus. You know how patient he had to be with this guy with all of us, right? It's so much bigger than that. You see, here's what Jesus is actually getting at. Okay? Check this out. This foot, washing symbolizes this spiritual cleansing that you'll experience. When Jesus dies on a cross Jesus' blood, for those who believe will cleanse you. All of us from our unrighteousness and your sins will be washed away. And then you will be with Jesus in glory. You will be forgiven of all your sins. And now you'll be freed up to forgive the people around you. You'll be forgiven of your sins and you'll be freed up to serve the people around you. That's what he's getting at. And he's saying here that you would not be need -- You would not need to be cleansed again to Peter, just once you believe in Jesus, boom, you're Baptized, and by the power of the holy spirit, the blood of Jesus washes you in your unrighteousness, but everyone still might need a sort of daily foot cleanse.

You might need to still repent of your sins, reconcile with other people and forgive those who have wronged you. Okay? But not everybody's clean. Not everybody is clean. At the end of verse 10 Jesus says, and you are clean Peter, but not every one of you. And that's true for us in here. And we don't know who verse 11, for He knew who was about to betray him. And that's why he said not all of you are clean. Now. Who is he talking about? Friends? He's talking about Judas Iscariot. Now, even if you don't know a lot about church, maybe you've heard the word. Judas. Judas is the man who is Jesus' friend. This very close friend who would betray him.

Judas would not be cleansed by Jesus blood because he would not believe in Jesus. Look at verse two. We've skipped it earlier. Check it out. During supper. When the devil had already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot at Simon's son to betray him. Whoa. Now I will say that we are going to be spending all of next week addressing Judas. And so we're not gonna dive deeply into Judas today. So stay tuned next week is all exclusively about this betrayal. That's about to happen, but I will say this right now. The devil is a very real enemy who wants no part in people being cleansed by Jesus and the devil, the enemy, the adversary believes that if Judas betrays Jesus, then he can get killed. And then no one will believe him anymore. How foolish of the devil? In fact, like we talked about last week, it was the mere betrayal of Judas that actually led to the triumphant glory and the resurrection in Jesus.

We got him it's way faster. The devil does not want any of you to be cleansed in the righteousness of God. And Judas is sort of the subject who masquerades as Jesus', ally, ally, right question. Do you think it was easy for Jesus to wash Judas feet, knowing he was about to have

him killed pretty difficult, right? I'll tell you what I watched. I'm a big golden state warriors fan. Last night, the warriors played the Lakers, not a big Laker fan. The warriors lost at Lakers and LeBron James scored a lot of points and I couldn't even stare at his face. I couldn't even look his way. His feet, his name face keeps popping up in my I'm just, I can't even look at him. Imagine if he had betrayed me to my death, how would I even be able to stare at this guy? I mean, look how feeble we are. Sometimes our sister says something weird to us at Thanksgiving dinner. We can't even, we're so mad. We can't even look at. This guy's sending him to his death and he doesn't even just get mad. He washes their feet. That's what Judi that's what Jesus does.

He still does it. Those are the sort of lengths. Jesus is willing to go to, to save humanity. If Jesus meets resistance in serving you with salvation, do you think you'll be experiencing resistance in receiving salvation? Yes. The devil does not want Jesus to give you salvation. He does not want you to believe in Jesus. So how difficult is it gonna be for you to believe the truth about God? How easy will it for you for you to believe in losing your faith, walking back your faith, deconstructing your faith, whatever it may be. It's gonna be hard. We have to press in, be ready for lies. Be ready for deception, be ready for trickery. Other nonsense. This is a real enemy who will stop at nothing to keep you disbelieving. Now, maybe you're sitting there and you're saying, you know what? I'm feeling like. Jesus is pretty amazing. I mean, this example of service is good. Like he is serving well, I get it right. He's loving. He's humble. In spite of resistance of his friends, he still does it. Those are all great things, but Jesus never just does something without kind of giving us a little explanation and instruction. He's about to give us an instruction. After he serves, look at verse 12,

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed and uh, where my resumed resumed his place. He said to him, do you understand what I've done for you? You call me teacher and Lord and you're right for. So I am. If I, then your Lord, your teacher have washed your feet. You also ought to wash one another's feet for I've given you an example that you should also do as I have done for you. Truly, truly I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you, if you do them. So Jesus says, I have given you an example, right?

So Jesus example in service should be followed, right? And it's pretty straightforward. I think most of the time, the take home from this is, oh, Jesus serves. I serve makes it's simple, right? It's simple. He says, this Jesus is not too important to serve. Then we are not too important to serve one another. Right. Straightforward. But what about us though? Really do we really serve deeply? And by the way, Jesus is not dropping a guilt trip on you right now for not serving. I don't know if that's your church background or maybe this is your first time in your church and you were expecting some sort of big guilt trip of like, you need to do the religious things. Cuz if you do it, then you're in. That's not how it works with Jesus.

Jesus is not going okay. You get, did you get that? Did you see how I washed his feet? Now get down and wash. 'em where you're not in. That's not how he did it. He lovingly, he humbly gets up from his chair. He gets down on his knees and he slowly sits down. He cleanses their feet and they enjoy it and the presence of their friends and he, he gets up and he says, wasn't that great? Yeah. I love you so much. Hey, don't you think since you enjoyed this, the way you did, it would be helpful and good for you to do this with other people. Wouldn't that be great? And the answer is of course. Well, yeah, that was amazing. I mean, you didn't belong down there. Jesus, you absolutely shouldn't have been down there and yet you were, I gotta do this too.

I've also gotta be a part of that friend. Jesus gave us a role to mirror him, to serve the way he served to give the way he lived and let me tell you what a responsibility it is, what a responsibility is when you serve people and their lives are changed and how amazing that feeling is for you. You know what it does in the kingdom of God, if you haven't just really real talk, if you haven't given or served in a meaningful way to anybody you are missing out on Christianity, if you think Christianity is just a bunch of rules and regulations, that if I sort of give money away that like rubber stamp the book and I can go back to watching football or working my job. If you think that's what it is, you're missing out. You're absolutely missing out the joy. The immeasurable joy you receive from doing the work of the Lord is unmatched.

Because every day you get to lay your head on the pillow and go, you know what? There's a lot going on. There's a lot of difficult things happening in the world, but I know I'm doing exactly what God has asked me to do. I am serving. I'm bringing joy to people. I'm helping people move forward. I'm participating in giving through my Missional Community. I'm serving my person at work. I'm bringing food to people's houses who are sick. I'm praying over people's children who are sick and are potentially dying. I'm going to hospitals and helping serving people. I, I went to a, a psych ward for a kid, a or a guy at my last church. And, uh, he, he came twice, uh, in, in that he's from Georgia. His dad's a pastor. He is not a Christian by any stretch of the imagination. In fact, he is lit- the opposite of someone who loves Jesus.

He is that person. He hates God, he doesn't live any way like a Christian. Does he lives no way like any, a good, normal, moral human being does. He drinks, he's addicted to all sorts of things. He's living lifestyles that are contrary to that, of what scripture says. And then I get a call from his dad saying, Hey, my son's in the, uh, in the, uh, psych ward. He, he tried to kill himself. Would you go see him? And I'll tell you what, no, one's more unprepared for that than I was. Okay. I am not okay. Yeah. I, I was just not prepared. So I go in there and the guy's kind of sitting in a chair and I have to like strap in and wear all this gear. And I talked to the guy and I sat there for a couple hours with him.

And honestly, a lot of what he said, didn't make any sense. I, I still don't remember what he said. A lot of what he said, he just was talking. And then towards the end of the conversation, he would say, Hey, will you pull your Bible out? Okay, sure. He's like, will you walk me through this, this and this? I'm like, uh, sure. Okay. Walk him through it. He shares story. He tells me why he doesn't like Christianity tells me why he doesn't like, Jesus tells me why he wants to continue the way he's living. And I'm like, oh, I feel like I don't even know if I'm making a difference. And then as I get up to leave after a few hours, he says, you know what? I know we don't see eye to eye on very much anything. But thanks for hanging out with me.

I needed that by the way. Unprepared. Not good enough. Not smart enough. Not equipped enough, just available, just available. I showed up. I, I fumbled through it. I didn't know what I was doing. God showed up and helped the guy. That's it. Sometimes that's what service looks like. It's availability. You know how they'd say? In sport, the best ability is availability. That's true in Christianity. So you can say I'm just too busy. I'm just too busy to serve Jesus too busy. Jesus. At 24 hours, 24 hours, he got on his knees. He washes disciples feet. He's done it all for us. Now when he washes his feet, he telling us one last thing, okay? He's telling us something. He's not just washing feet. He's washing all of us. You see when Jesus lays aside, his outer garments, this is a symbol of him laying aside his, his glory into divin-his full glory. He could have revealed himself as God-he lays aside his glory. Okay? When he goes and he takes up the

towel and he ties it, that's Jesus baring flesh. When he pours water in the basin to get ready to wash that's Jesus pouring out his blood on the cross. And then when he washes the feet of the disciples, that's him regenerating us, washing us clean. So we're free to live and serve as he served us. Does that make sense? Church? Let's pray.

Jesus, you are the greatest servant let's ever lived. We love you. We praise you. We honor you. We just pray for an instance to be like you, we just wanna be like you, God, we're not gonna have it all together. We're gonna be a lot like Peter. Sometimes we're just, we don't know what to say. We're gonna be a lot like all of just fumbling our way through it, but we need you to show up for us. You serve so patiently. And so kindly to those people, your disciples, those who betray you, your enemies. Lord, help us to understand that our busyness is our own thing. You've called us to more than to be busy. Lord God help us to understand that our, our, our, our non capacity, our, our lack of funds, our lack of resources, our lack of time and energy. That's all a figment of our imagination. Lord God, because you provide it all and you can make much out of a little. And so Lord God, as we're called to serve you, we pray that you empower us with the power of the holy spirit and go out ahead, cuz we don't have all the answers and we don't have all the power. We love you in his name. Amen.