



Loved and Leaning Back

John 13:18-30 – April 28, 2024

John 13:16–30

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. [17] If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. [18] I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' [19] I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. [20] Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

[21] After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." [22] The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. [23] One of his disciples, **whom Jesus loved**, was reclining at table **at Jesus' side**, [24] so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. [25] So that disciple, **leaning back against Jesus**, said to him, "Lord, who is it?" [26] Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. [27] Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly." [28] Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. [29] Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. [30] So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night. (ESV)

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. (ESV)

1 Timothy 2:3–4

This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, [4] who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. (ESV)

Ezekiel 18:23

Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, declares the Lord GOD, and not rather that he should turn from his way and live? (ESV)

Matthew 23:37

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!" (ESV)

Introduction: Band of Brothers

1. **The Brotherhood:** The bond is Jesus.
2. **The Betrayal:** Jesus is in control.
3. **The Troubled Spirit:** Jesus loves.

--- Revelation Demands Response ---

Lean in – don't walk away!

Application questions on the back →

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For the following application questions, review your notes from the front.

SUNDAY after church...

Think through the morning and: 1) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you were able to give. 2) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you received. 3) List songs that touched your heart.

MONDAY – READ & PRAY: Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **DISCUSS:** Have you experienced the bond of deep brotherhood? Have you experienced it without Christ as the bond? Have you experienced it with Christ as the bond? How can *you* deepen that in our church?

TUESDAY – READ & PRAY: Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **DISCUSS:** Why does Jesus often point to Himself as fulfilling OT Scripture? Is this helpful to your faith? As you grow in the Lord can you see more of the Old Testament Scriptures pointing forward to Christ? What are a few that have been helpful to you?

WEDNESDAY – READ & PRAY: Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **DISCUSS:** Why did Jesus have to be betrayed as opposed to his enemies just coming and dragging Him away? (Fulfilling Scripture, yes – but why else?) Have you ever experienced betrayal? How does Hebrews 4:15 help? How can you love through the pain? Do you believe Christ is over it all?

THURSDAY – READ & PRAY: Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **DISCUSS:** How do we see the heart of Jesus in John 13:18-30? What part of His troubled spirit resonates with you? Our hearts might be easily troubled by a lost loved one, how about a lost enemy? How can Jesus' heart be troubled and totally trusting His Father at the same time? How do we deal with the tension of His troubled spirit for the lost and His sovereign control over all things (even hearts)?

FRIDAY – READ & PRAY: Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **DISCUSS:** How well to you know the love of Jesus? Does it go hand in hand with how well you love? (1 John 3:16-18) How do we “lean in” to the heart of Jesus?

SATURDAY – READ & PRAY: Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **DISCUSS & BUILD:** How is the Lord calling you to help build the Body of Christ up tomorrow in love?

**Let us join the work of Christ in bringing His Light to the world!
Our purpose is *to know...follow...and love Christ!***

