

Devotional 3: Do – A Way of Doing

Serving Like Jesus with Courage, Creativity, and Compassion



Transition from Devotional 2:

Yesterday, we explored what it means to *be* — to slow down, to listen, to open ourselves to God's presence and be present.

But the way of Jesus doesn't stop at being.

Love doesn't just stay still — love moves and serves.

And now, you are invited into that movement.

Do: A Way of Doing

Scripture Reading – John 13:12–15 (NIV)

When Jesus 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.

"You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am.

Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.

I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you."

Devotional Thought:

Jesus — the one with all power, all authority — knelt down and washed his disciples' dirty feet. Not because he had to. But because he loved them.

And now he invites us to do the same.

We don't serve because it's required.

We serve because it's the **Jesus way**.

Because *love looks like something*.

On this vision trip, there will be many opportunities to serve - Be open to new ways and not just the ways you expect:

- Sweeping a floor.
- Carrying buckets.
- Making bracelets with kids - setting up a party with a pinata .
- Visiting Homes and honoring their space with presence and prayer
- Listening when you don't fully understand.
- Receiving a cup of coffee or a plate of food made by your host.

Some of these acts may seem small — even insignificant. But in the Kingdom of God, **there is no small service.**

What feels like a simple task to us may be a profound expression of love to someone else.

Sometimes the most transformational acts come not from doing something flashy, but from **doing the ordinary with extraordinary presence and love.**

Honoring Culture:

This “doing” is not about showing up with all the answers. It’s about showing up with open hands and a humble heart.

We serve not *for* people, but *with* them.

We honor their wisdom, their pace, their dignity.

We enter as guests, learners, and partners in the work God is already doing.

Reflection & Prayer Focus:

Before you start today’s activities, take a few moments to pause.

Sit with these questions:

1. **Where am I being invited to serve — even in ways that feel small or unseen?**
2. **Am I willing to serve with no credit, simply because it’s what love would do?**

3. **How can I reflect the love and humility of Jesus in today's interactions?**

Prayer:

Jesus,
Shape my heart to love like You.
Shape my hands to serve like Yours.
Help me see no task as too small —
and no person as too unimportant —
to receive my full presence and compassion.

May every dish washed, every room swept, every hand shaken,
be done in Your name and for Your glory.
Give me the courage to act in love,
the creativity to serve in new ways,
and the compassion to honor everyone I meet.

Amen