



When God Washed Feet

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Some things are for some of us.

Some things are for all of us!

Some things are a clear calling from Jesus for all of us! (Pay attention)

Every text has a context! (John 13:1-3)

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.

2 The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. 3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God...

God bows down to wash feet (John 13:4-5)

4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. 5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

An interesting encounter and conversation (John 13:6-11)

6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

7 Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

8 "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

9 "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" 10 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." 11 For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

Lessons from a Vision of God's Humble Service:

- 1) True humble service is extended with clear awareness of the cost!

Will I count the cost of humbly serving others?

- 2) When we know who we are, we have the confidence we need to serve humbly.

Do I see myself the way Jesus sees me?

- 3) We need to notice the God-given opportunities.

How can I look for divine appointments and service opportunities?

- 4) We don't serve only the "deserving" and obvious people.

Who am I slow to serve and who do I avoid?

- 5) Humble service is an "All-in" investment... we don't cut corners!

What is my next step into knee-bending and sacrificial service?

- 6) We serve the world because Jesus (God) served us!

Do I live amazed by the reality that God served me with unthinkable humility?

Humbly serving is not an occasional chore, it is a passionate lifestyle!