

SERMON TITLE

YOU'VE BEEN SERVED

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Now before the feast of the Passover, Jesus, knowing that his time had come that he would depart from this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. During supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he came from God and was going to God, arose from supper, and laid aside his outer garments. He took a towel and wrapped a towel around his waist. Then he poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

John 13:1-5 · WEB

RELATIONSHIPS BECOME HEALTHY WHEN WE LEARN TO SERVE EACH OTHER THE WAY JESUS DID.

SERVING ALLOWS PEOPLE INTO OUR LIVES

Then he came to Simon Peter. He said to him, 'Lord, do you wash my feet?' Jesus answered him, 'You don't know what I am doing now, but you will understand later.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet!' Jesus answered him, 'If I don't wash you, you have no part with me.'

John 13:6-8 · WEB

YOU CANNOT HAVE A DEEP RELATIONSHIP WHILE REFUSING TO RECEIVE FROM SOMEONE.

SOMETIMES RECEIVING IS JUST AS HUMBLING AS SERVING — RECEIVING MEANS ADMITTING, 'I NEED YOU.'

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2 · WEB

As each has received a gift, employ it in serving one another, as good managers of the grace of God in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10 · WEB

WHEN WE REFUSE TO RECEIVE OR REFUSE TO GIVE, WE STAND IN THE WAY OF HOW GOD WANTS TO BRING GRACE INTO OUR RELATIONSHIPS.

SERVING STOPS ASKING, "WHO'S WINNING?"

You call me, 'Teacher' and 'Lord.' You say so correctly, for so I am. If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should also do as I have done to you.

John 13:13-15 · WEB

THE MOMENT A RELATIONSHIP BECOMES 'WHO'S WINNING?' — YOU'RE BOTH LOSING.

JESUS WASN'T WEAK WHEN HE PICKED UP THE TOWEL. HE WAS SECURE IN WHO HE WAS — AND BECAUSE HE WAS SECURE, HE DID NOT HAVE TO WIN THE ROOM.

For the Son of Man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Mark 10:45 · WEB

SERVING GIVES WHAT PEOPLE HAVE NOT EARNED

Jesus said to him, 'Someone who has bathed only needs to have his feet washed, but is completely clean. You are clean, but not all of you.' For he knew him who would betray him; therefore he said, 'You are not all clean.'

John 13:10-11 · WEB

JESUS STILL WASHED JUDAS'S FEET — BECAUSE SERVING IS NOT ABOUT WHAT PEOPLE HAVE EARNED.

Don't be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12:21 · WEB

But God commends his own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8 · WEB