

## ENCOUNTER JESUS #21: John 13:1-17 THE POWER OF SERVING

CHRISTIAN LINGO: fellowship (hobbits), quiet time (older nap), hedge protection (shrub fy), lay hands on, INSIDER LANG - DOESN'T ALWAYS MAKE SENSE – **SERVING**

- **if ur new to church “Hey where are u serving.” I don’t play tennis..**

**SERVING:** Treating others in a way that prioritizes their needs over urs. – **OTHERS say**

**MP: Jesus served, and through His service he taught us to serve. His life was a living expression of self-giving love, putting others before Himself. And that lifestyle had the power to change the world, and still does today.**

Philippians 2:3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.

- WHY/HOW...busy (work, family, studies, value in this for me?) WHAT

**Radical selflessness will change your life and the life of those around you.**

**PART OF BEING CHRISTLIKE like JESUS (VERSES 14-17)**

**DISCIPLE/SPIRITUAL FORM: EXTREME/SHOCKING / what is he doing? picture**

- **We treat each other – aware, considerate/comp, engaged do something**

**Being a servant isn’t something you do it’s something you are.**

**LIVE WITH A MINDSET – SAME AS CHRIST’S**

**What we know determines what we do. THE VERSE 17 GAP**

- **Destiny:** He lived on Father’s time/moment God made. **DIVINE APP – USE?**
- **Victory:** service was from strength not weakness. **NOT LOW / HIGH not enuf**
- **Eternity:** Make most every opportunity eternity in mind. **Doesn’t matter**

**WHEN IT’S INCONVENIENT**

Picked the most inconvenient moment – **SUFFERING** – R mindset: SELF/SERVED

- **He loved them to end: IN THIS - THE CROSS – Serving MATTER OF LOVE**

**We love him because he loved us and we love others because he loved us.**

**Serving others isn’t a matter of personal convenience, it’s a matter of prioritizing love.**

- o **COMMITTED CONVICTION THAT OVERCOMES ‘im not feeling it’**

**EVEN IN THE HUMBLEST TERMS**

**NOTHING WAS BENEATH THE KING – patient and strategic – NO MOD EQUIVALENT**

- **Lowest slave – lowest duty – MOST HUMILIATING – dirty feet**

Philippians 2:5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant. Luke The son of man didn’t come to be served, but to serve **GIVE LIFE**

**Service can be everything and anything. Anytime you are treating others in a way that prioritizes their needs over yours you are serving.**

**TO EVERYONE EVEN THE MOST DIFFICULT PEOPLE**

**EVERYONE** - He didn’t pick the leading disciples – cream of crop - **EVERYONE**

- Methodically, intentionally, waiting your turn, thinking it through - **DESERVE**

**JUDAS HE KNEW EVERYTHING JUDAS DO** – love / not dogeye / eye roll / holding nose

Mt 5:44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup>so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

**One Another** is a Reciprocal Pronoun: that expresses a mutual relationship. Putting it another way, reciprocal pronouns refer to a situation where someone or something performs an action on others and receives the same action in return.

- **Family, friends, people you sit next to, life group, ministries - JONET**

**THAT'S WHERE THE POWER IS THAT**

- **IT'S GOSPEL EVIDENCE – OUR LIVES HAVE BEEN TOUCHED/CHANGED**

**Rebel against the world system by serving others, proving that it's really not all about us.**

Galatians 6:10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

- **SERVE PEOPLE**

**S/A:** Serving others changed our lives in many ways. We realized that as individuals and as a couple we didn't need to be the most talented or the most prepared to serve others, God simply requires a heart willing to give time with humility, respect and love, the same love Jesus has for us and He does the rest. Serving this way allowed us to see the great miracles that the Lord does in other people and in us. The experiences that we have lived in this journey have been incredible, there has been times when we were going thru challenges and those are the times that God manifests Himself the greatest giving us peace, hope and faith to continue, leave the worries behind and go out to the mission field. Serving in different ministries has allowed us to witness great miracles. The Lord has transformed so many lives, including ours. He has transformed our hearts radically, reached our family and our marriage more that we could have ever imagine.

**Heather:** I started volunteering a year after seeking to know God, only after much resistance. I was very timid when it came to church goers and the church community, as I came from a Catholic background, but after finally giving in, I was able to receive the huge blessing that is the Awaken church community. At Beyond specifically, everyone was so patient and kind to me while I learned how to operate behind a coffee counter for the first time. It was with them that I learned family isn't just made up of those who share genetically similar blood, but family is found in those who know and accept the power of the blood of Christ.

**Quinette:** Since moving to Las Vegas 2020 during COVID-19, I felt lonely and unloved a lot. But GOD! had a plan just for me. HE blessed me to find a wonderful church home with amazing people that always makes me feel so loved. Then after a year of taking all of it in, I wanted to give back. So I prayed for a ministry to work in and then I went to the Leadership class. After the class was completed the very next Sunday during announcements it was said they needed volunteers in Production. I had no experience but I was told they need me and want me and will teach me all I needed to know. So I have been volunteering as a Pro-presenter and it has been amazing. I see being on one of those cameras in the near future.

BE A SERVANT – to your neighbor – who is your neighbor – the person that god has placed in your life in that moment.