

Every message in the series will follow the same way

- **Get ready to GROW and live life fully**
- There are **no** spectators in the Kingdom.
- Gospel Reference
- Practical Application
- Personal Accountability
- One action
- One person
- One follow-up
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“...By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you **love** one another.” John 13:35

OVERALL QUESTION: What does Love

“**LOOK**” like from the outside?

How will someone **see** that you “love one another”?



Get your Journal out or your phone to take notes!

Opening Prayer

- Take us on a journey...
- Open our hearts.
- Stop us from being offended and start listening
- Help us grow.
- Help us get comfortable with being uncomfortable

Review

1. Every word you speak is either building the 'Church'... Or burning it down. (Eph 4/James 3)
2. "Don't do something for someone that God is expecting them to do! But always help with what they cannot do alone." (Gal 6)
3. **Serve One Another (skipped for now Acts 2-4)**
4. Bear with one another... forgive one another... and above all these put on love.
(Col 3:12-14, Eph 4:31-32)
5. **No more Triangles:** Whether you were hurt or caused the hurt—Talk To Them, Not About Them.
(Matt 5:23-24 & 18:15)

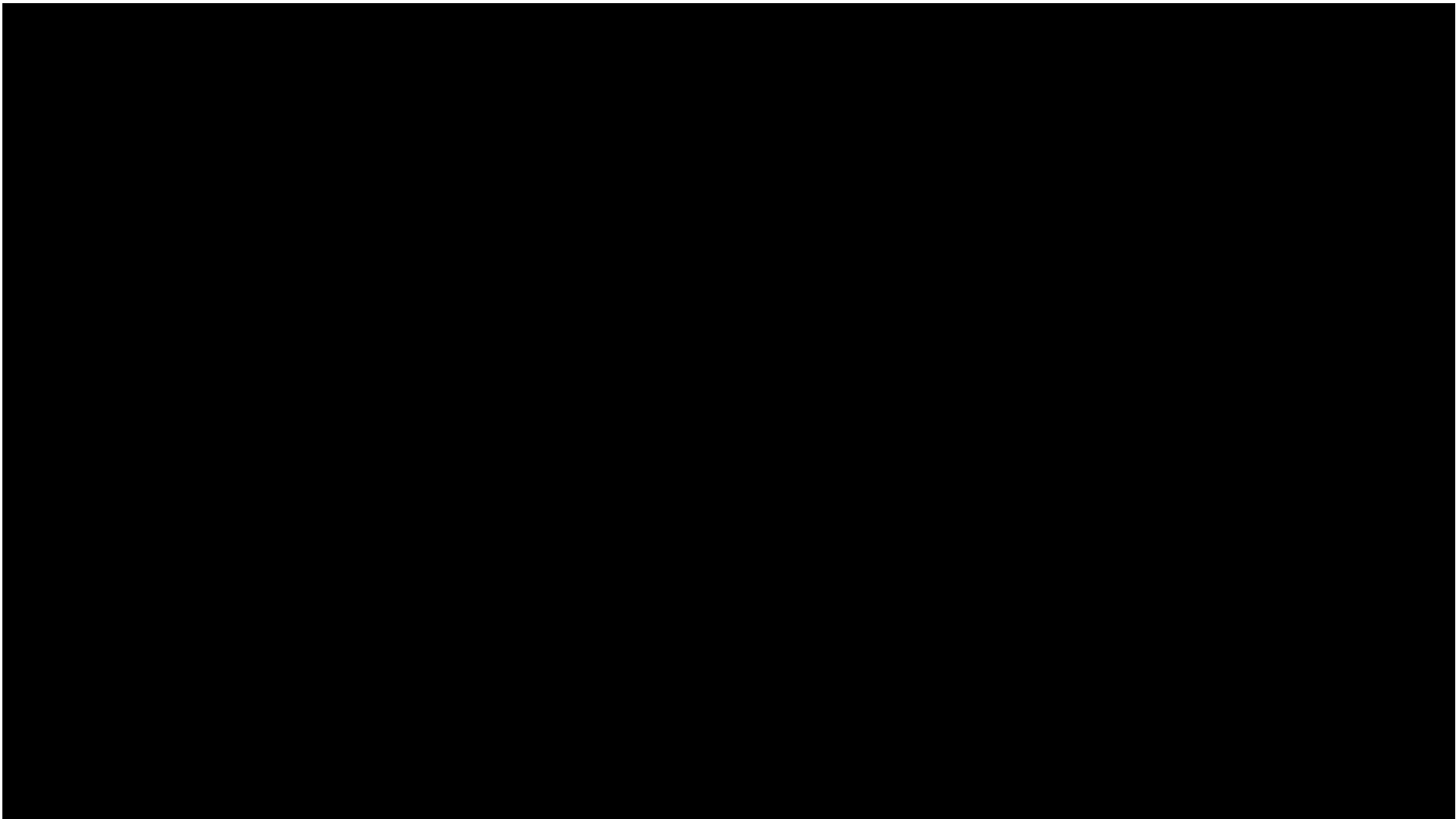


Take Note – last Time

-  Mature love moves toward people.
-  Love goes direct.
- **Noah did, and I tried!**
- **Did you try to do it?**
- **Did you tell someone about the message that was not here to hear it?**
- **Have you got an accountability partner yet?**

Warning

-  YouTube is NOT your friend
-  Great teachers can still be wrong.
-  Popular teachers are often wrong.
-  I can be wrong.
-  God's Word is never wrong.
- **Test everything. Hold fast to what is good.**
(Acts 17:11; 1 John 4:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:21)



Colossians 1:16-17

- ¹⁶ For by him (Jesus) all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.



He created everything

- **Psalms 147:4**
- "He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names." (ESV)
- **Matthew 10:30**
- He Knows You Completely
- Even the hairs of your head are all numbered.

Jesus is

- The Creator.
- The Sustainer.
- The King.
- The One who knows everything.
- The One who knows **YOU!**
- The One who still loves **YOU!**



Jesus knew:

- Knowing exactly who He was...
- **He picks up a towel**

Today - #6: Love Goes Low

- John 13:1-17 (Same section as this whole series)
- *The King Who Washed Feet*

- **13** Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴ rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist.

- ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶ *He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?"* ⁷ *Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand."* ⁸ *Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet."* *Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me."* ⁹ *Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"* ¹⁰ *Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean..."*

- ¹² *When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you?* ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶ 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.**

Today's Big Idea

- If you get this you get the whole series!
- Mature love serves from below.
- The greater you are,
the lower you go.

The King Goes Low

- The issue is not foot washing.
- The issue is:
- Why is HE washing feet?

Dirty Feet

- No cars
- No concrete
- No shoes
- Animals everywhere
- Hot dusty roads
- This was disgusting work.

Servant's Work

- Foot washing belonged to:
- the lowest servant
- Not the highest person.

Earlier that same night (Luke 22:24–27)

- "A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest."
- Then Jesus says:
- "Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves."
- **and the knockout line:**
- "For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves."

Nobody Moved

- The disciples all saw the feet.
- Nobody moved.....
- Everybody waited.

Then Jesus Moved

- Then he picks up the *prepared* towel and bowl...
- The highest person in the room
- did the lowest job.
- He Modelled what he wanted them to be like!

The Gospel

- This is the whole Gospel.
- Though equal with God... He humbled Himself as a servant. (Philippians 2)
- Jesus always moved downward.
- Become one of us, a frail human.
- Died on the Cross for you and me.
- True Servanthood.





The cross
is servant love
with nails in it.

Peter Objected

- "Never shall you wash my feet."
- Peter understood:
- This felt wrong.

Why Peter Struggled

- Because **pride** understands:
- Up
- power
- position
- importance
- But not humility.

Two-sided Coin

Heads

My Nature

- Serve Me

Tails

What Jesus Wants

Serve Others

- Only one side looks like Jesus

The World's Way

- Climb higher.
- Be recognised.
- Be important.
- Get served.

Jesus' Way

- Go lower.
- Serve quietly.
- Lift others.
- Take the towel.

Some Examples of Ordinary Jobs

- Cooking a Meal
- Cleaning (not for payment)
- Driving someone to the hospital/airport
- Visiting (Hospital/nursing home/house)
- Cutting hair/nails
- Just Listening to, and Praying with them
- **Volunteering** at the Seafarers' Mission or Sunday School

- *Helping* OTHERS,
- *Allowing* OTHERS,
- *Equipping* OTHERS,
- *Putting others up first, above yourself*

The Hidden Things

- Nobody sees:
- Prayer
- Sacrifice
- Serving
- Giving
- Encouraging
- **But God sees.**

Once Going Low is in Your DNA

- You become a great **witness** for Jesus
- People notice and **ask you why** you:
 - **Return** someone else's trolley to the bay
 - **Help** the elderly with their shopping to the car
 - **Ask** the checkout operator how they're **really** doing!
 - **Thank** the waitress/er and **clean up** your own mess.
 - If you can, **Offer** to pay for someone's coffee/food when their bank card fails ahead of you.



Avoid the Two Ditches

1. Serve to be noticed.
 2. Never serve at all.
- **Mature love serves quietly in the middle of the road.**

Diagnostic Questions

- Do I expect others to serve me?
- Do I notice what needs doing?
- Am I willing to do the low jobs?
-  If I do see someone who is quietly serving low... Do I quietly encourage them and appreciate them?

Take Note

-  The greater you are,
the lower you go.
-  Love goes low.

Call To Action

- Do one unnoticed act of service this week.
- Tell nobody.
- (Except your accountability partner.)

Loving Accountability

- Who are you going to share this with that **WAS NOT** here today?
- Who will ask if you did the challenge?
- Who will encourage you to do it?

Every week we've asked the same question:

- *What does love look like from the outside?*
- Today we have the answer.
- **Love picks up the towel.**

Conclusion

- Mature love (a disciple of Jesus):
-  Speaks life.
-  Helps wisely.
-  Forgives freely.
-  Goes direct.
-  Takes the towel.

Final Line

Love goes low.

Closing Prayer

- Lord, teach us to love each other like You loved us.
- Help us to be forever grateful to you because you gave up everything and came down to us.
- Help us shed pride
- Help us to be humble and help others quietly.

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