

## John 13

1 knowing what was coming - troubled (Jn 12:27, 13:21, garden of Gethsemane)  
He maintained **Love** (theme)

challenge of loving in midst of distress, persecution

3-5 knowing His limitless authority, He engaged in the lowest position of **Service**  
voluntary **Service** is an expression of **Love**

8-10 spiritual metaphor: only Jesus can cleanse, cleansed (Jn 15:3) only need walk washed

12-17 Example: use **Authority to Serve (Love)**

(Mt 23:6-12) <sup>6</sup>“They love the best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues, <sup>7</sup>“greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called by men, ‘Rabbi, Rabbi.’ <sup>8</sup>“But you, do not be called ‘Rabbi’; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren. <sup>9</sup>“Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven. <sup>10</sup>“And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ. <sup>11</sup>“But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. <sup>12</sup>“And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. (8 Woes)

Jesus took lowest place - parable of wedding seating (Lk 14:7-11)

not just an example to serve, but Preparation for Authority (attitude - us?)

(Phl 2:3-8) <sup>3</sup>Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, <sup>7</sup>but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

### **Confident enough in who we are in Christ to Choose Service**

honoring position and expectation of service - just like marriage (Eph 5:22-33)

18-30 Judas' betrayal

20 He's going to transfer **Authority** to the Apostles (“sent ones”)

just like with Him and the Father (Jn 5:36-37, Jn 20:21)

33-35 New Commandment (because He's going/transferring authority) - **Love**

old - neighbor as self (Mt 22:39)

range extended to all/enemies (Mt 5:43-48, good Samaritan Lk 10:25-37)

new - quality extended from “as self” to “as Jesus”

which is “as the Father” (Jn 15:9) - seeing a pattern?

Jesus is the example of the true older brother to prodigals

Godlike **Love** is the mark of a Sent One (vs 35)

(Phl 1:8-9) <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment,

36-38 Where are you going? - answered in John 14

internal war: genuine desire for sacrificial intimacy vs difficulty dying to flesh

(Jn 15:13) laying down life for friends is greatest form of **Love**

Peter will learn this kind of **love** (Jn 21:18-19)

Learning to **Love** is how we win the internal war (greater **love** enables laid down life)

must experience **His Love** before we can express it (1 Jn 4:19)

**Service** increases **Love** (Mt 6:21)