

Throw on the Towel

Part three of the series, "Wrapped in Love"

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John 13:1-18 NLT

Jesus pursues.

"...He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end." (v. 1)

Jesus served.

"...he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him." (v. 4-5)

We are to show others the same kind of love that Jesus showed us.

"...since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you." (v. 14-15)

Lessons from washing feet:

1. Invite God into the dirty areas of your heart.

"...if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9 NIV)

2. Be humble to serve and to be served.

"...Peter protested, 'you will never ever wash my feet!' Jesus replied, 'Unless I wash you, you won't belong to me.'" (v. 8)

3. Put down the sword, and pick up the towel.

"...Jesus knew who would betray him..." (v. 11)

"...Judas came straight to Jesus. 'Greetings, Rabbi!' he exclaimed and gave him the kiss. ⁵⁰Jesus said, 'My friend, go ahead and do what you have come for.' Then the others grabbed Jesus and arrested him. ⁵¹But one of the men with Jesus pulled out his sword and struck the high priest's slave, slashing off his ear. ⁵²'Put away your sword,' Jesus told him. 'Those who use the sword will die by the sword.'" (Matthew 26:49-52 NLT)