

LIFE

- Fully exercising all you God-given faculties
- A gift from God, experiencing the fullness is conditional
- We cannot experience real life apart from real love
- Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life
- He's the Means, Master and Model of Life

LIFE

- Adam & Eve
 - God gives Life
- Noah
 - God saves life
- Abraham
 - God spares life
- Adam & Eve (Gen. 2:15)
 - Worship & Serve
- Noah (Gen 6:9)
 - Worship & Serve
- Abraham (Gen 18:19)
 - Worship & Serve

See a pattern???

Life-ing by Example

John 13:5-17

John 13:5-17

Then He poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. So He came to Simon Peter. He said to Him, Lord, do You wash my feet?" Jesus answered and said to him, "What I do you do not realize now, but you will understand hereafter."

John 13:5-17

Peter said to Him, “Never shall You wash my feet!” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.” Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, then wash not only my feet, but also my hands and my head.” Jesus said to him, “He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you.”

John 13:5-17

For He knew the one who was betraying Him; for this reason He said, “Not all of you are clean.” So when He had washed their feet, and taken His garments and reclined at the table again, He said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? “You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash

John 13:5-17

one another's feet. For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

The Setting

- Evening of the first day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. (Ex. 12:34;42) Luke 22; Mark 14:12ff; Matt. 26:17ff)
- His followers and best friends were fighting over who would be greatest in His Kingdom. (Lk. 22:23-24)
- His followers included Judas who would betray Him and Peter who would deny Him*.

The Symbol

- Foot Washing
 - Most travel done on foot or back of animal
 - Sandals most popular footwear
 - Foot washing was common, but, usually performed by lowest of servants

The Significance

- Vv 14-15: “If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.”
 - His heart was to serve
 - His service was to ALL that were with Him (v.12)
 - His service was an **EXAMPLE** to us all

The So What

- Christ is the **AUTHOR** and **PERFECTOR** of our faith (Heb 12:2) and has set the **EXAMPLE** (I Pet. 2:21)
- Be **IMITATORS** of God (Ephesians 5:1-2)
- Christ came to **SERVE** (Matt. 20:28)
- Our **LIFE** is in Christ (Gal. 2:20)
- To **SERVE** is to **LIVE!**