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SERMON OUTLINE

SERVE JESUS

JOHN 13:1-17
REV. MIKE TRINIDAD

We continue our mini-sermon series on Authentic Discipleship and take up sermon #4, which is "Serve Jesus". We look at the gospel narrative of Jesus washing the disciples' feet in John 13:1-17.

It happened during the Last Supper after the devil had already tempted Judas to betray Jesus Christ, when Jesus showed His great love for His disciples. He had already shown His love to them during their ministry together, but, now that His time on earth was nearing its end, Jesus had another

opportunity to show this great love as He rose from his place and took on the role of a servant to wash His disciples' feet.

The customs and dictates of the time required that guests who entered any home had to wash their feet before entering any home or place because of the extreme dirt and dust present in the area. Washing of the feet was customarily performed by the servants of the house. In this scenario, we find Jesus seated at the head of the table, presiding over the meal with His disciples when He suddenly rose from the table and took off His robe and wrapped a towel around His waist, which was the usual attire that servants of that time wore.

In this sermon, aside from Jesus' love for His

disciples and the humility He displayed by taking on the role of a servant, we also see Jesus imparting wisdom on why it was important for Him to do the humble act of service for His disciples.

Finally, we see how Jesus gave them the example that they were to tell others to follow - to humbly serve others as He showed them by the supreme act of lowering Himself, taking the role of a servant as He served them willingly.

I pray that as disciples of Jesus Christ that we would obey the charge to serve Jesus (and others) by following His fine example of humble service.

Let us serve Jesus and others with all our heart, willingly, not out of obligation! ✨

OBEDIENCE TO JESUS!

REV. PARKIN YOUNG

And just like that, today is the last Sunday of January! This month, we celebrated our 27th anniversary as a church. We opened last week with our Prayer and Fasting Week, where the Lord reminded us that we are all EMPOWERED by the Holy Spirit. What we do, whether individually or as a church is only by the power of the Holy Spirit who is in us. We also conducted IDMC 2024, entitled RADICAL DEMANDS OF LEADERSHIP. This conference highlighted for us that as leaders and future leaders, we must always remember that we are servants of Christ, we are to be joyful in Christ, and we should bear our cross for Christ. And during our anniversary service, we were exhorted to abide in Jesus. Our abiding begins with saving faith. Our faith in the Lord will allow us to stay on course. Our continuous abiding will also allow us to continually sense the work of Christ in our midst.

Abiding in Jesus is also what I taught my family during our first family devotion this year. The Lord led me to share with them John 15. We learned three reasons why

we should abide in Jesus and how we are to abide. Abiding will allow us to bear fruit (v.5). This fruit can be the fruit of our character and the fruit of ministry. As we continue to abide or remain in the Lord, we are more attuned and aligned with His will. Our abiding will also allow us to enjoy the Lord's favor as He answers our prayers - in His own way and time (v.7). Lastly, the Lord showed us that abiding in Him produces joy. Joy, that is, regardless of circumstances. The joy that is unchanging and everlasting. But how do we abide in Jesus? How do I lead my young family to continually abide in Jesus? The secret to this is no secret at all! We all need to obey (v.10). Yes, the Young family, including my little children Tobi and Mori, are to obey. As their father, together with my wife Carol, we need to model for them what obedience is and how it should be done.

Obedience is key to all of life. Obeying the Lord's commands delights Him. Our obedience is the best evidence of our love for Jesus. As a pastor, as God's child, I need to continually abide in Him as I glean

on His Word and obey His commands. And as a church, we need to obey the Lord's command of making disciples of all peoples. We all must remember and accomplish the Great Commission while there is still time. EACH ONE, DISCIPLE ONE, is not a program nor a project. It is an expression of our obedience. It is an expression of our love for Jesus. We can start by praying. Intentionally pray for your friends, relatives, and workmates who have yet to know Jesus. We can intentionally include Jesus in our conversations so that they may know you are a believer. After a time, you may invite them to read scriptures together. You never know, where the Lord will bring this effort. But one thing is sure: this is abiding. This is obeying. As we continue this fast-paced year, let us always remember to seize every opportunity for Jesus. Let us remember every day that we are called to Abide. We are called to Obey! ✨

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