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## SERMON OUTLINE

## JESUS AS ONE WHO LOVES HIS OWN TO THE END

JOHN 13:1-38 | REV. REVIN VASALLO

In John 13, Jesus ended His public ministry and prepared to focus on His private ministry with His disciples. Knowing that His hour had finally come, Jesus served His disciples (vv. 1-30) and prepared them for His departure (vv. 31-38). **Jesus did all these things because He loved His own to the end (v. 1).**

Jesus washed the disciples' feet as an **EXPRESSION** of His love (vv. 1-11). Despite knowing His supremacy, Jesus still performed the lowest form of service done only by servants. And by humbly serving His disciples, Jesus displayed His selfless, boundless, and endless love to them (vv. 1-11).

Jesus then instructed the disciples to follow the **EXAMPLE** of His love. As their Teacher and Lord, Jesus modeled servanthood. And since no servant is greater than his master,

Jesus instructed the disciples to do the same to one another (vv. 12-17).

Afterwards, Jesus reached out to Judas to show the **EXTENT** of His love (vv. 18-30). Jesus reminded Judas and the disciples that they were chosen. Jesus spoke about His divinity so Judas and the disciples would believe. Jesus served Judas by giving him bread. And Jesus did all these things to reach out to Judas. However, Judas did not welcome Jesus' love. So, when Satan eventually entered Judas, Jesus dismissed him. And when Judas left, Jesus prepared His disciples for His departure (vv. 18-30).

Jesus prepared them by **SPEAKING** of His glorification and departure. These were inconceivable events that would eventually happen. By knowing these things in advance, they would not be confused and

caught off guard when it happened (vv. 31-33).

Jesus then prepared them by **COMMANDING** them to love one another. After the disciples experienced Jesus' love, Jesus gave them a new command to love one another as He loved them. By doing this, the world would know that they were His disciples (vv. 34-35).

Lastly, Jesus prepared them by **WARNING** Peter of his act of denial due to his overwhelming experience despite being served by Jesus. Peter was quick to say that he would lay down His love for Jesus. However, Jesus rebuked him by warning him of his future denial of Jesus (vv. 36-38).

In this sermon, we hope to gain a deeper understanding of Jesus' uttermost love so we can love one another the way Jesus did! ✨

## HOLD ON!

REV. PARKIN YOUNG

## PARSON TO PERSON

*<sup>5</sup>Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. <sup>6</sup>In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. - Proverbs 3:5-6*

Change is a challenging subject. This topic is either welcomed or avoided, especially in difficult times. But one thing is sure - change is constant in our lives. With change also comes transitions. Whenever a person experiences life transitions, they either embrace it or try to run away from it. I am a person who tends to run away from change and transitions. It is difficult to accept change much more to manage the transitions that go with it. I initially do not welcome it because it takes me out of my comfort zone.

Ever since I got into the ministry, I have experienced many transitions. In all of them, I have learned vital lessons that I hold on to. They are timeless truths that the Lord has deposited in my heart and mind that guide me when change and transitions come their way.

### Hold on to Jesus' Calling.

During disorientation or reorientation, finding one's bearings and holding on to them is a must. Because it is

easy to get confused with all the changes happening, one thing that I am always holding on to is God's calling. The Lord's call brings me back to my "whys." The Lord's calling in my life, apart from the Lord Himself, is the only thing I can hold on to. Everything that I have in this world will not last forever. But God and His calling are things that I know and can always trust to be there. Praise God for His calling is sure!

### Hide under Jesus' Covering.

Whenever times get rough, we need to know where to find refuge. In God, we are secured in His protection. In God, we have the assurance of His benevolence for everything we would ever need. Challenges and trials can disorient and bring us to the point of not knowing what else to do. But when we know our God protects and covers us at all times, we will not be moved. In His divine covering, we always find peace, comfort, and the assurance that He has our backs!

### Hope in Jesus' Coming.

Hopelessness can be paralyzing. It happens when all seems unsure, unclear, and dark. When this season comes, we tend not to do anything and let the world pass us by. It is the time when we cannot

seem to navigate life. When this season of hopelessness comes, the Lord is faithful and loving and leads me out of it. His Word reminds me of who I am in Him. In Him- I am His child! Because of Jesus, I am an overcomer. Because of Jesus, I have hope, for He is my Blessed Hope. The hope that is from the Lord surpasses all my needs and wants. The hope He gives is beyond what I can ever ask or imagine. Jesus, as my Blessed Hope, teaches me to navigate life with Him in complete control. When I do, I see His glory; I see His majesty!

These three timeless truths keep me going. It keeps me doing what I need to do, which is to love Jesus. These truths give me the assurance that I am loved and cared for by Jesus. While I go through life's challenges- He has my back, and He holds me in the palm of His hands. As His child, all I need to know and do is to keep Him at the center of my life, to keep close to Him and His word so that when the season of re-orientation comes, I will not lose grip and allow Jesus to take complete control.

Hold on to Jesus. He is in complete control. ✨

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