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SERVANTHOOD
OF JESUS

WHY JESUS WASHED FEET

Introduction:

When Jesus had all power
in his hands, he showed us
how to best use it to build
his kingdom.

Text: John 13:1-17

It was just before the Passover Feast.

**Jesus knew that the time had come
for him to leave this world and go to
the Father.**

**Having loved his own who were in
the world, he now showed them the
full extent of his love.**

**The evening meal was being served,
and the devil had already prompted
Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray
Jesus.**

**Jesus knew that the Father had put all
things under his power, and that he
had come from God and was
returning to God;**

so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist.

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After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

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He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?”

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Jesus replied, “You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.”

“No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.”

Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.”

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“Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied,

“not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!”

Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean.

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And you are clean, though not every one of you."

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For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place.

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“Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them.

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“You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am.

**Now that I, your Lord and Teacher,
have washed your feet, you also
should wash one another's feet.**

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**I have set you an example that you
should do as I have done for you.**

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I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.

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Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

John 13:1-17

Mutual Servanthood is the model that God has chosen for human society. This model has the potential to:

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Banish **POVERTY**.

Alleviate **SUFFERING** .

Eliminate **MURDER** and **WAR**.

God's model of Mutual Servanthood
relies on our:

Submission to the HEADSHIP
of Jesus. **SERVANTHOOD**

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Acceptance of the responsibilities
of **STEWARDSHIP**
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Ability to maintain loving
relationships through

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FORBEARANCE and

FORGIVENESS.

Historically, God's church has had difficulty maintaining a Model of Mutual Servanthood because of the effects of **SELFISHNESS** and **PRIDE**.

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Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.—1 Peter 5:2-3

True servanthood is

VOLUNTARY -- Jesus wasn't a

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servant because he had to be, but

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because he chose to be.

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True servanthood is **POWERFUL**.

It can:

Express the **LOVE** of God.

Draw us **OUTSIDE** of ourselves.

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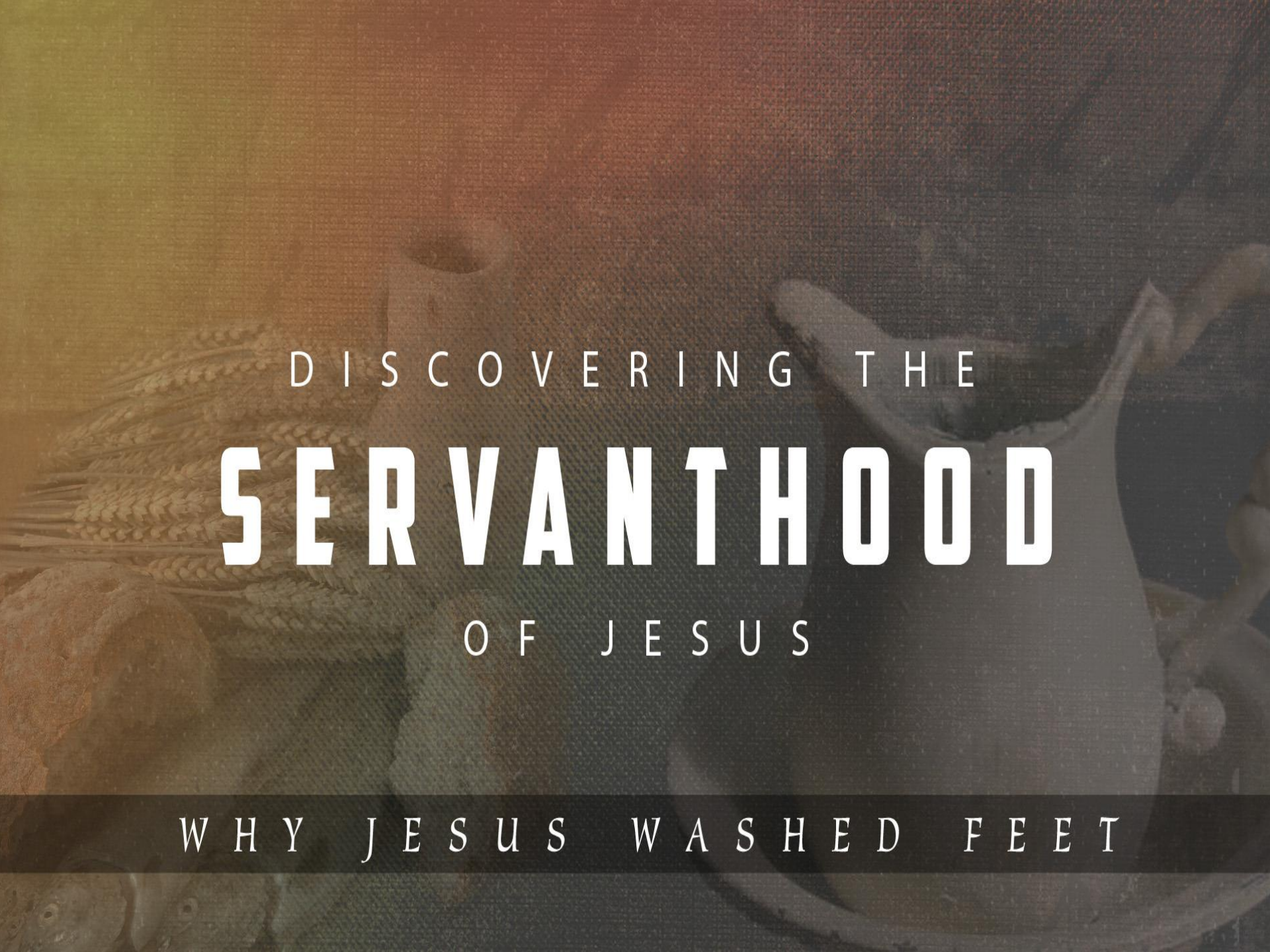
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Help us attain **HUMILITY**.

BUILD the Kingdom of God on

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EARTH.

Conclusion:

**Are we willing to
embrace the basin and
the towel of Jesus?**



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