

#### IV. SERVE TO MEET NEEDS

A. Jesus washed their feet because they were dirty.

<sup>12</sup> *"So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you?"*

<sup>13</sup> *You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am.*

<sup>14</sup> *If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.*

<sup>15</sup> *For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you."* John 13:12-15

B. Look for how you can serve the needs of others.

<sup>4</sup> *"Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.*

<sup>5</sup> *Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,"* Philippians 2:4-5

<sup>10</sup> *"As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."* I Peter 4:10

#### V. SERVING LEADS TO BLESSING

A. Jesus said that happiness comes from serving.

<sup>16</sup> *"Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him.*

<sup>17</sup> *If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."* John 13:16-17

B. Happiness is found in serving, not being served.

<sup>44</sup> *"And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all.*

<sup>45</sup> *For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."* Mark 10:44-45

#### SERVE ONE ANOTHER LIKE JESUS

#### FOLLOW JESUS: STORIES ON THE LIFE OF PETER

##### Washing Their Feet: A Story Of Serving

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##### Introduction:

A. Jesus called out to Peter, "*Follow Me*" (Matthew 4:19). This began what would be a remarkable journey of Peter learning how to follow Jesus more closely.

There is much we can learn from studying the life of Peter. Many of the challenges he faced are common to all of us. We can relate to his humanity as he experienced great moments of faith and moments of failure.

To follow Jesus is to be like Jesus. Knowing this the Key Verse for this series is I Peter 2:21 where Peter wrote, "*For this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps.*"

B. Attend the FOLLOW JESUS Teaching series to learn how to follow Jesus more closely. Explore interesting stories and valuable lessons from the life of Peter. Learn from this inspiring transformation of how a simple fisherman became a founding leader of Christianity.

Oct 12	On The Shore: A Story Of Transformation
Oct 19	Cast Your Nets: A Story Of Provision
Oct 26	In The Storm: A Story Of Faith
Nov 2	They Saw His Glory: A Story Of Confidence
TODAY	Washing Their Feet: A Story Of Serving
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Nov 23	By The Fire: A Story Of Restoration
Nov 30	Build My Church: A Story Of Significance

C. TEXT John 13:1-17

Follow Jesus Principle: Serve one another like Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> *"For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you."* John 13:15

## HOW TO SERVE LIKE JESUS

The word serve or service is used 982 times in the Bible.

### I. SERVE TO THE END

#### A. Jesus completed His service.

<sup>1</sup> *"Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end."*

John 13:1

<sup>30</sup> *"So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, 'It is finished!' And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit."*

John 19:30

#### B. Never, never quit serving. Keep motivated by love!

<sup>13</sup> *For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.*

<sup>14</sup> *For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"*

Galatians 5:13-14

### II. SERVE WITH HUMILITY

#### A. Jesus was God in the flesh, yet He assumed a low position.

<sup>3</sup> *"Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God,*

<sup>4</sup> *rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself.*

<sup>5</sup> *After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded."* John 13:3-5

<sup>9</sup> *"For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;"*

Colossians 2:9

#### B. No matter how powerful, wealthy or famous no one is above serving others.

<sup>5</sup> *"Likewise, you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for 'God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.'"* I Peter 5:5

### III. SERVE IMPERFECT PEOPLE

#### A. Jesus served Peter who often said the wrong thing.

<sup>6</sup> *"Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, 'Lord, are You washing my feet?'*

<sup>7</sup> *Jesus answered and said to him, 'What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this.'*

<sup>8</sup> *Peter said to Him, 'You shall never wash my feet!' Jesus answered him, 'If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.'*

<sup>9</sup> *Simon Peter said to Him, 'Lord, not my feet only, but also, my hands and my head!'"*

John 13:6-9

<sup>4</sup> *"But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared,*

<sup>5</sup> *not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,"*

Titus 3:4-5

#### B. Jesus served Judas who was His enemy.

<sup>2</sup> *"And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him,"*

John 13:2

<sup>10</sup> *"Jesus said to him, 'He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you.'*

<sup>11</sup> *For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, 'You are not all clean.'"*

John 13:10-11

<sup>27</sup> *"But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,*

<sup>32</sup> *But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them."*

Luke 6:27, 32