

Sermon Notes for Sunday, May 24, 2015 at Trinity

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John 13:1-17

“Service with a Smile”

Introduction: Some Visual Reminders

1. I'm afraid there's a sorry state of service in our society today
2. Over and against this general loss of serving others stands, or maybe actually better stated, kneels, the Lord Jesus

Mark 10:45: “For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Max Lucado, *A Gentle Thunder*: “It’s not easy watching Jesus wash these feet. To see the hands of God massaging the toes of men is, well... it’s not right...”

In a Jewish culture, which placed such stress on cleanliness and ritual washing, the feet were the ultimate of anything filthy, profane or unclean

3. Jesus washed the feet of Judas

Jesus’ model for us of Christian service includes the fact that Jesus even washed Judas’ feet.

Have you ever known someone who, in giving themselves away did not receive more in return?

Richard Stearns, president of World Vision, writes in his book, *The Hole in our Gospel*, “I don’t want to suggest that all true followers of Christ must forsake everything to bring comfort and justice to the poor. I only propose that a genuine concern for ‘the least of these’ that finds tangible expression must be woven into the pattern of their lives and faith.”

4. Let us all commit ourselves to respond to God’s love for us, by following the model of Christ in Christian service

The Symbolism of the Stole: the towel

What is the “foot washing” that I need to be doing at this time?

Who is it that God has placed in my life that I need to serve?

What do I need to change so that I can do that?